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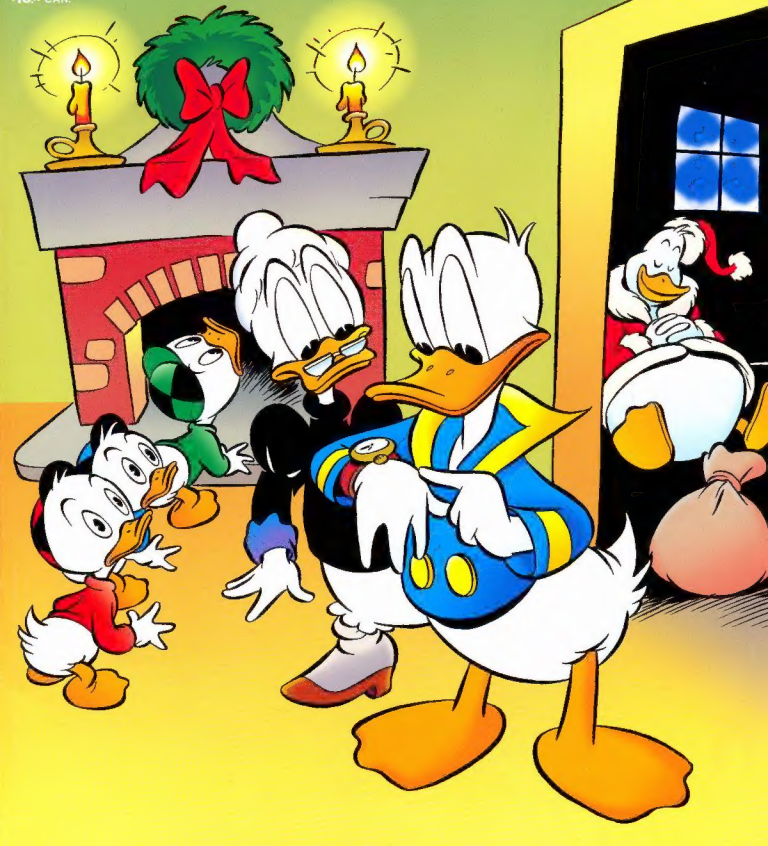

WALT DISNEY'S COMICS AND STORIES

The holidays are now upon us and I trust that everyone will be filled with the appropriate seasonal cheer by the time this issue of *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories* goes on sale. To help you out in that regard we have gathered for you between these covers a nice assortment of stories featuring your favorite Disney characters, including a post-Christmas story by perennial favorite William Van Horn, an exciting Mickey Mouse adventure drawn by Cesar Ferioli, and a Carl Barks classic Gyro Gearloose reprint.

It's hard to believe you could want more than that, but if you do, check the stands for *Christmas Parade* 1, still on sale, which features "Letter to Santa," another Barks classic starring the whole Duck clan, nostalgic Mickey and Chip 'n' Dale stories, as well as three modern holiday yarns.

See you next month. And...Happy Holidays!

— John Clark

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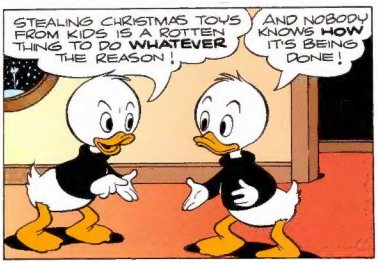
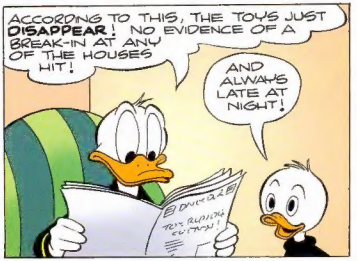
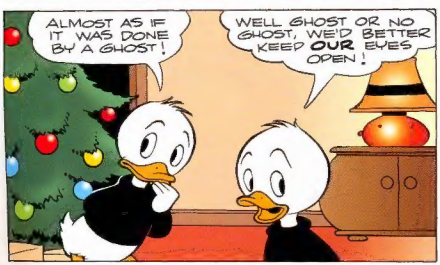
DONALD DUCK

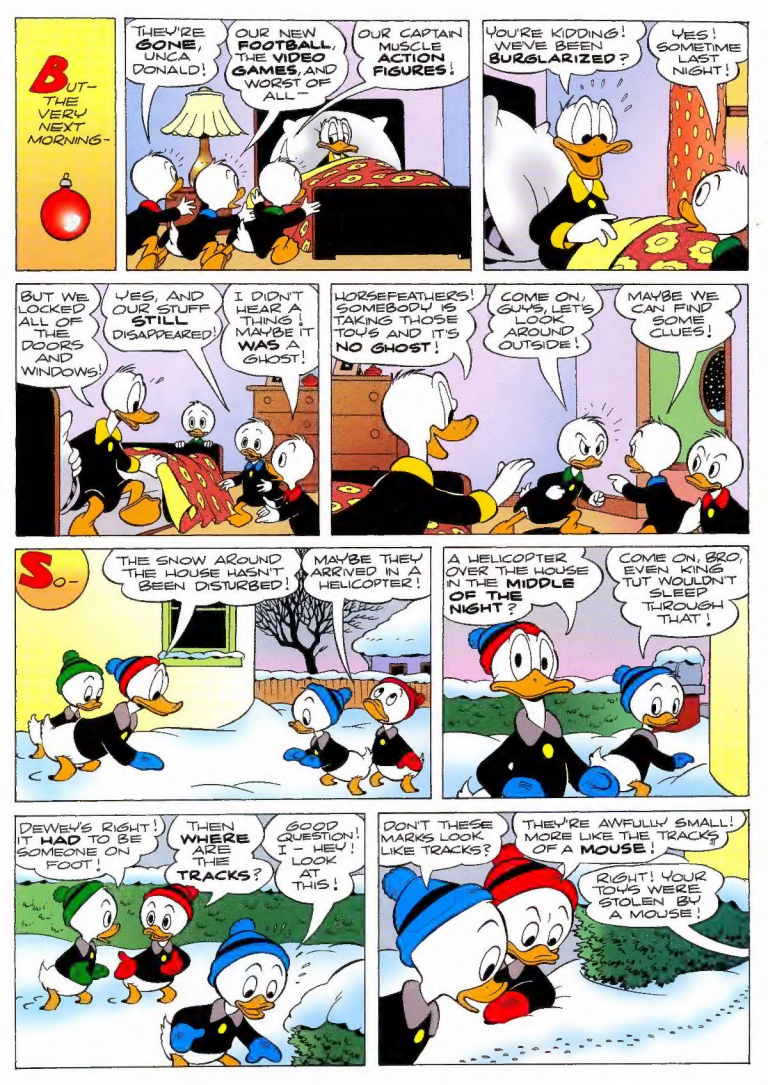
THE PURLOINED TOYS

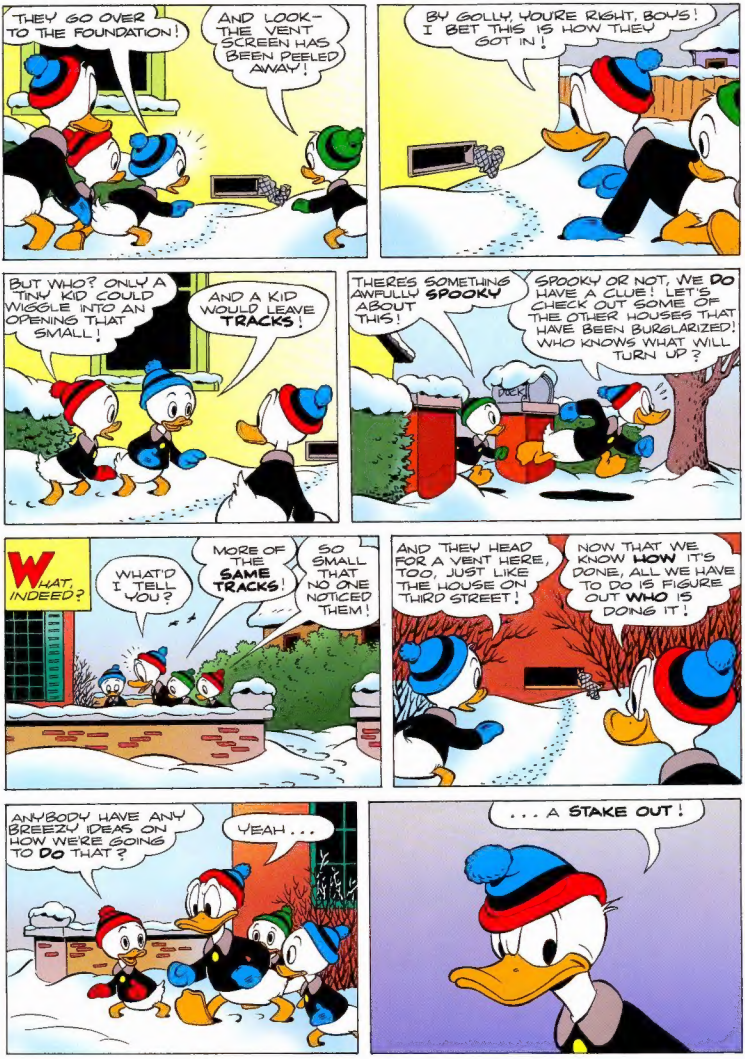
IN THE DAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS, DUCKBURG HAS BEEN VISITED BY A STRANGE AND BAFFLING SERIES OF ROBBERIES!
TOYS! WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING?
AND WHY?
DAILY BLAB
TOY ROBBERIES CONTINUE!

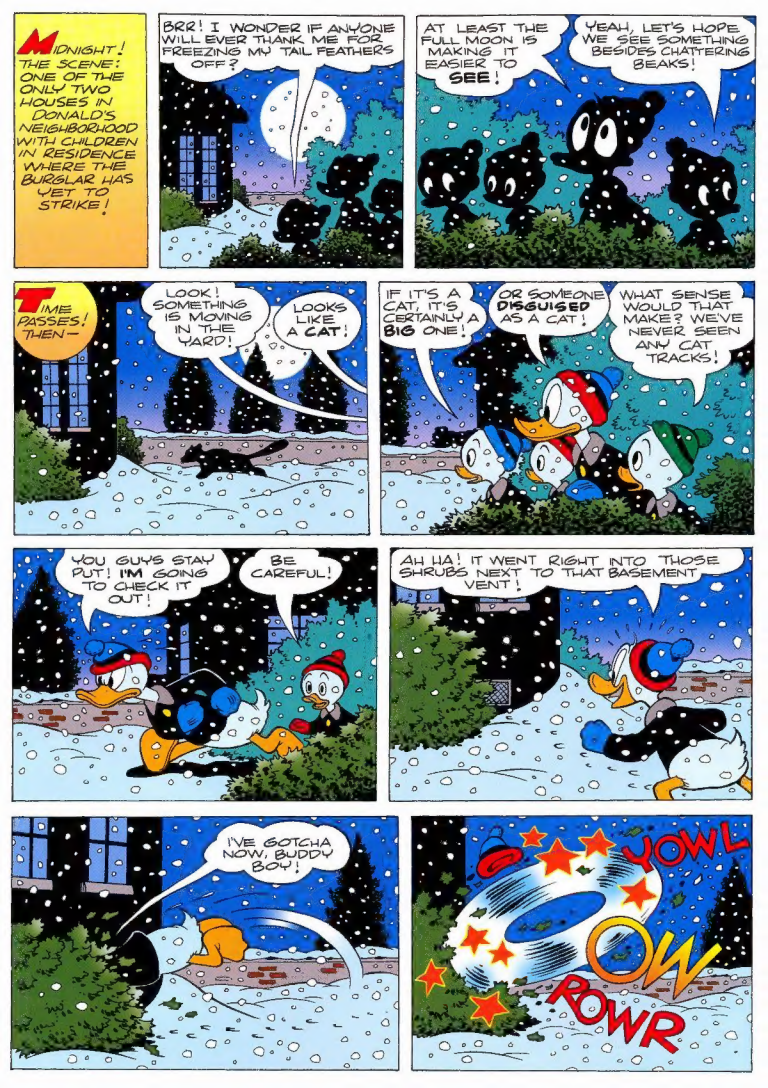


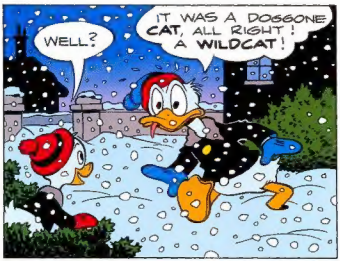


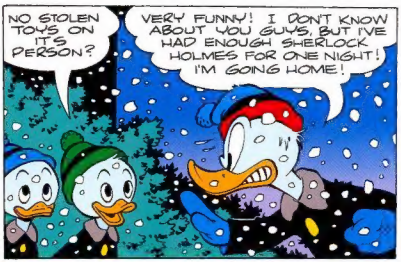


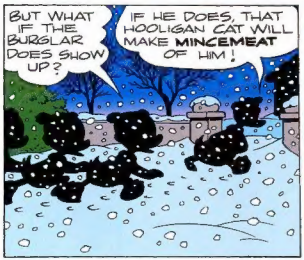

BUT- THE VERY NEXT MORNING-
THEY'RE GONE, UNCA DONALD!
OUR NEW FOOTBALL, THE VIDEO GAMES, AND WORST OF ALL-
OUR CAPTAIN MUSCLE ACTION FIGURES!
YOU'RE KIDDING! WE'VE BEEN BURGLARIZED?
YES! SOMETIME LAST NIGHT!
BUT WE LOCKED ALL OF THE DOORS AND WINDOWS!
YES, AND OUR STUFF STILL DISAPPEARED!
I DIDN'T HEAR A THING! MAYBE IT WAS A GHOST!
HORSEFEATHERS! SOMEBODY IS TAKING THOSE TOYS AND IT'S NO GHOST!
COME ON, GUYS, LET'S LOOK AROUND OUTSIDE!
MAYBE WE CAN FIND SOME CLUES!
SO-
THE SNOW AROUND THE HOUSE HASN'T BEEN DISTURBED!
MAYBE THEY ARRIVED IN A HELICOPTER!
A HELICOPTER OVER THE HOUSE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
COME ON, BRO, EVEN KING TUT WOULDN'T SLEEP THROUGH THAT!
DEWEY'S RIGHT! IT HAD TO BE SOMEONE ON FOOT!
THEN WHERE ARE THE TRACKS?
GOOD QUESTION! I - HEY! LOOK AT THIS!
DON'T THESE MARKS LOOK LIKE TRACKS?
THEY'RE AWFULLY SMALL! MORE LIKE THE TRACKS OF A MOUSE!
RIGHT! YOUR TOYS WERE STOLEN BY A MOUSE!

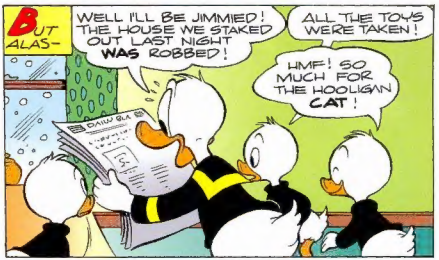

THEY GO OVER TO THE FOUNDATION!
AND LOOK- THE VENT SCREEN HAS BEEN PEELED AWAY!
BY GOLLY, YOU'RE RIGHT, BOYS! I BET THIS IS HOW THEY GOT IN!
BUT WHO? ONLY A TINY KID COULD WIGGLE INTO AN OPENING THAT SMALL!
AND A KID WOULD LEAVE TRACKS!
THERE'S SOMETHING AWFULLY SPOOKY ABOUT THIS!
SPOOKY OR NOT, WE DO HAVE A CLUE! LET'S CHECK OUT SOME OF THE OTHER HOUSES THAT HAVE BEEN BURGLARIZED! WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL TURN UP?
WHAT, INDEED?
WHAT'D I TELL YOU?
MORE OF THE SAME TRACKS!
SO SMALL THAT NO ONE NOTICED THEM!
AND THEY HEAD FOR A VENT HERE, TOO, JUST LIKE THE HOUSE ON THIRD STREET!
NOW THAT WE KNOW HOW IT'S DONE, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS FIGURE OUT WHO IS DOING IT!
ANYBODY HAVE ANY BREEZY IDEAS ON HOW WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT?
YEAH...
...A STAKE OUT!

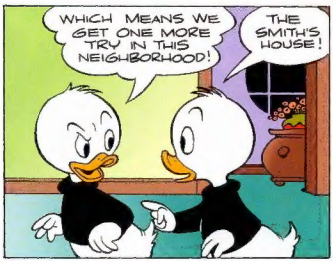

MIDNIGHT! THE SCENE: ONE OF THE ONLY TWO HOUSES IN DONALD'S NEIGHBORHOOD WITH CHILDREN IN RESIDENCE WHERE THE BURGLAR HAS YET TO STRIKE!
BRR! I WONDER IF ANYONE WILL EVER THANK ME FOR FREEZING MY TAIL FEATHERS OFF?
AT LEAST THE FULL MOON IS MAKING IT EASIER TO SEE!
YEAH, LET'S HOPE WE SEE SOMETHING BESIDES CHATTERING BEAKS!
TIME PASSES! THEN—
LOOK! SOMETHING IS MOVING IN THE YARD!
LOOKS LIKE A CAT!
IF IT'S A CAT, IT'S CERTAINLY A BIG ONE!
OR SOMEONE DISGUISED AS A CAT!
WHAT SENSE WOULD THAT MAKE? WE'VE NEVER SEEN ANY CAT TRACKS!
YOU GUYS STAY PUT! IM GOING TO CHECK IT OUT!
BE CAREFUL!
AH HA! IT WENT RIGHT INTO THOSE SHRUBS NEXT TO THAT BASEMENT VENT!
I'VE GOTCHA NOW, BUDDY BOY!
YOWL
OW
ROWR

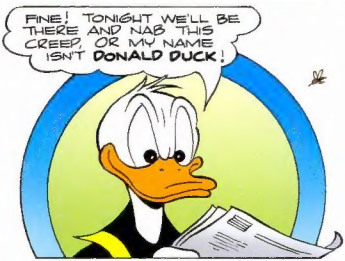

WELL?
IT WAS A DOGGONE CAT, ALL RIGHT! A WILDCAT!

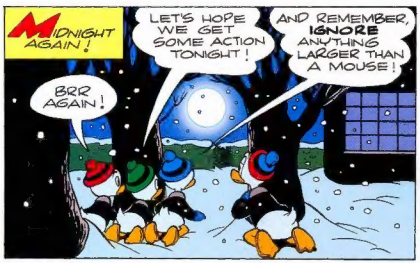

NO STOLEN TOYS ON IT'S PERSON?
VERY FUNNY! I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU GUYS, BUT I'VE HAD ENOUGH SHERLOCK HOLMES FOR ONE NIGHT! I'M GOING HOME!


BUT WHAT IF THE BURGLAR DOES SHOW UP?
IF HE DOES, THAT HOOLIGAN CAT WILL MAKE MINCEMEAT OF HIM!


BUT ALAS-
WELL I'LL BE JIMMIED! THE HOUSE WE STAKED OUT LAST NIGHT WAS ROBBED!
ALL THE TOYS WERE TAKEN!
HMF! SO MUCH FOR THE HOOLIGAN CAT!
DAILY BUGLE

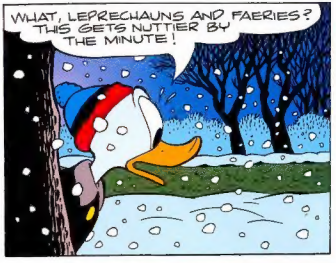

WHICH MEANS WE GET ONE MORE TRY IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD!
THE SMITH'S HOUSE!


FINE! TONIGHT WE'LL BE THERE AND NAB THIS CREEP, OR MY NAME ISN'T DONALD DUCK!


MIDNIGHT AGAIN!
LET'S HOPE WE GET SOME ACTION TONIGHT!
AND REMEMBER, IGNORE ANYTHING LARGER THAN A MOUSE!
BRR AGAIN!

YAWN! RIGHT NOW I'D LIKE TO IGNORE THIS WHOLE BUSINESS AND GO TO BED!
WAIT! I THINK I SEE SOMETHING!

YEAH, I SEE 'EM, TOO!
WHAT ARE THEY?
I HATE TO SAY IT, GUYS, BUT THEY LOOK LIKE LITTLE PEOPLE!


WHAT, LEPRECHAUNS AND FAERIES? THIS GETS NUTTIER BY THE MINUTE!

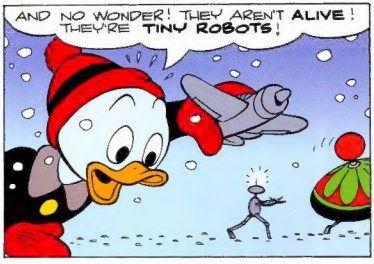
THERE MUST BE HALF A DOZEN OF THEM!
LET'S GET A CLOSER LOOK!

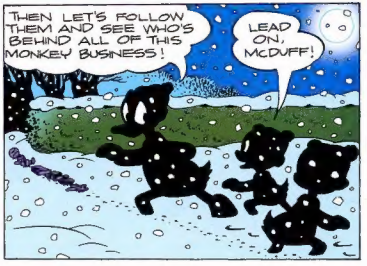
BINGO! THEY'VE GONE INTO THE HOUSE!
GOOD! WE'LL CATCH THEM RED-HANDED!

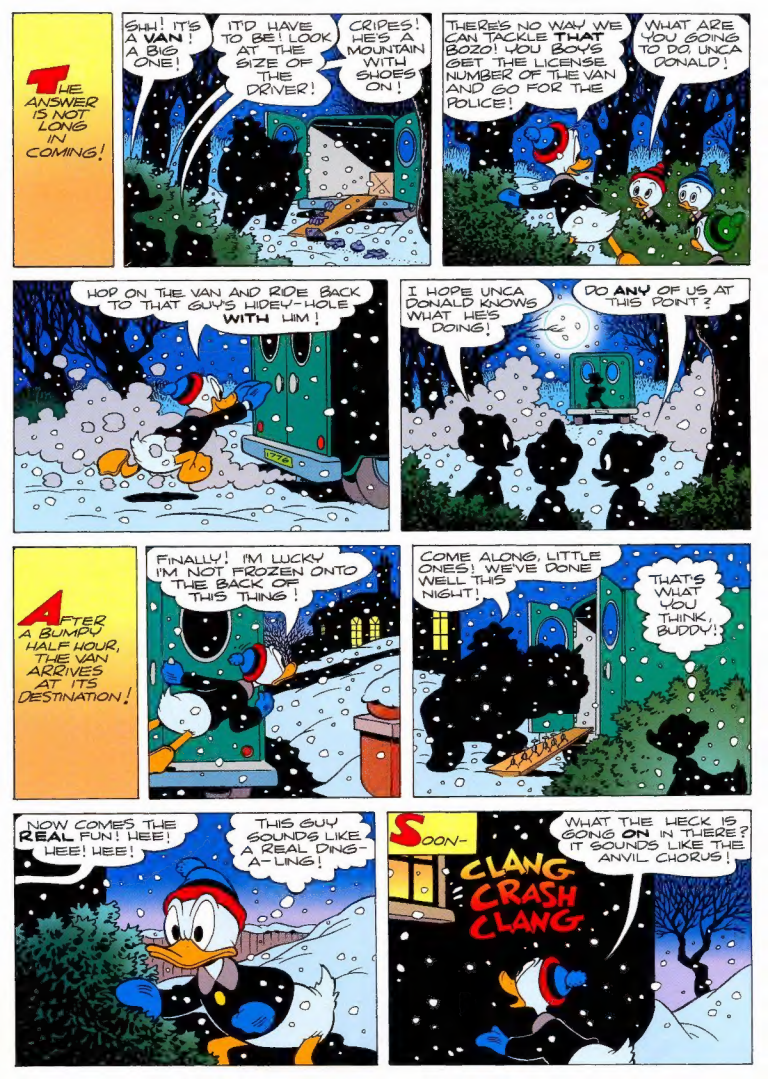
SOON, TOYS BEGIN TO EMERGE FROM THE VENT!

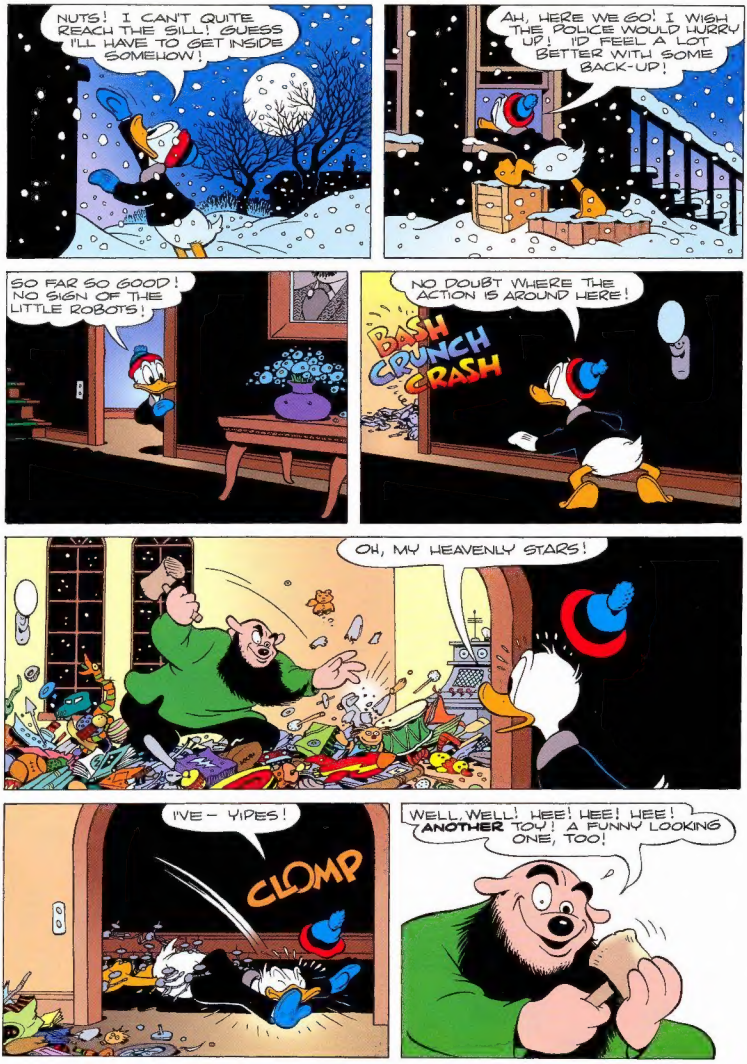
OKAY, SHRIMPOS! THE JIG IS UP!

WHAT THE DICKENS?
THEY AREN'T PAYING ANY ATTENTION TO YOU!
I DON'T THINK THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE!

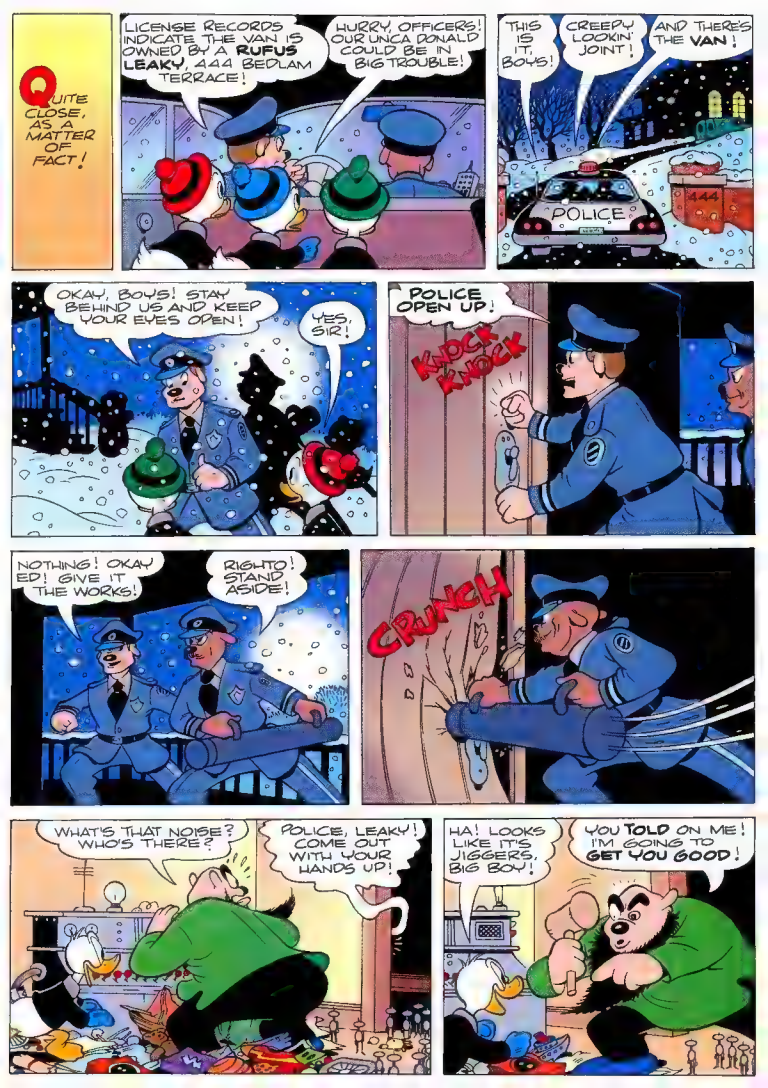

AND NO WONDER! THEY AREN'T ALIVE! THEY'RE TINY ROBOTS!

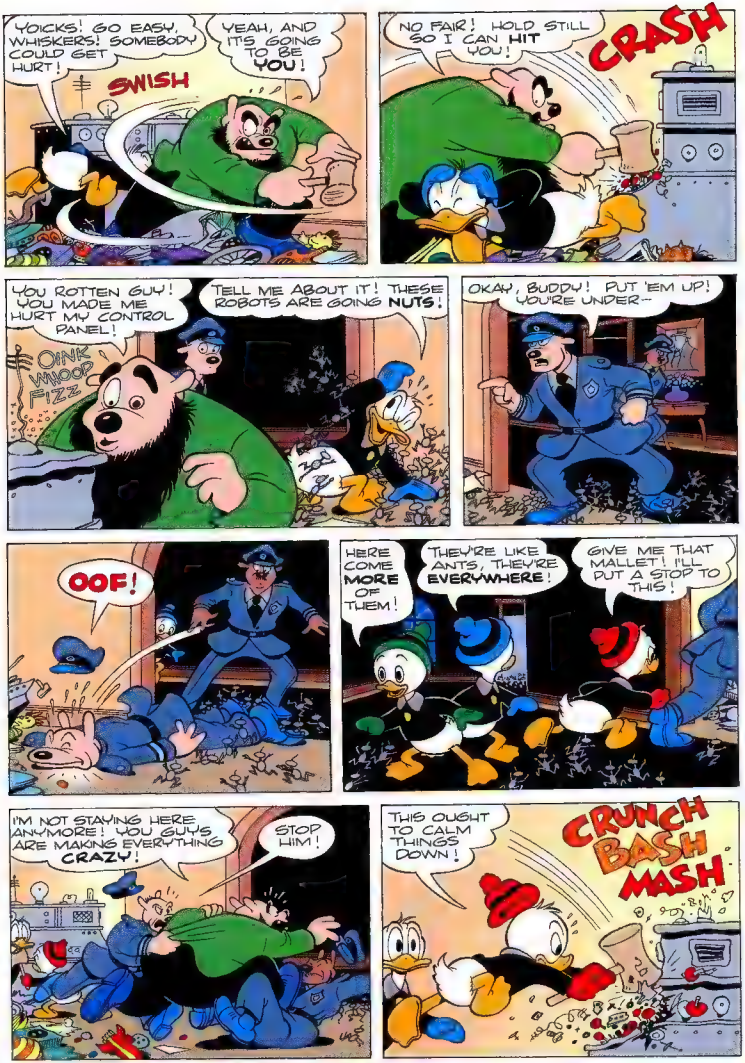

THEN LET'S FOLLOW THEM AND SEE WHO'S BEHIND ALL OF THIS MONKEY BUSINESS!
LEAD ON, McDUFF!

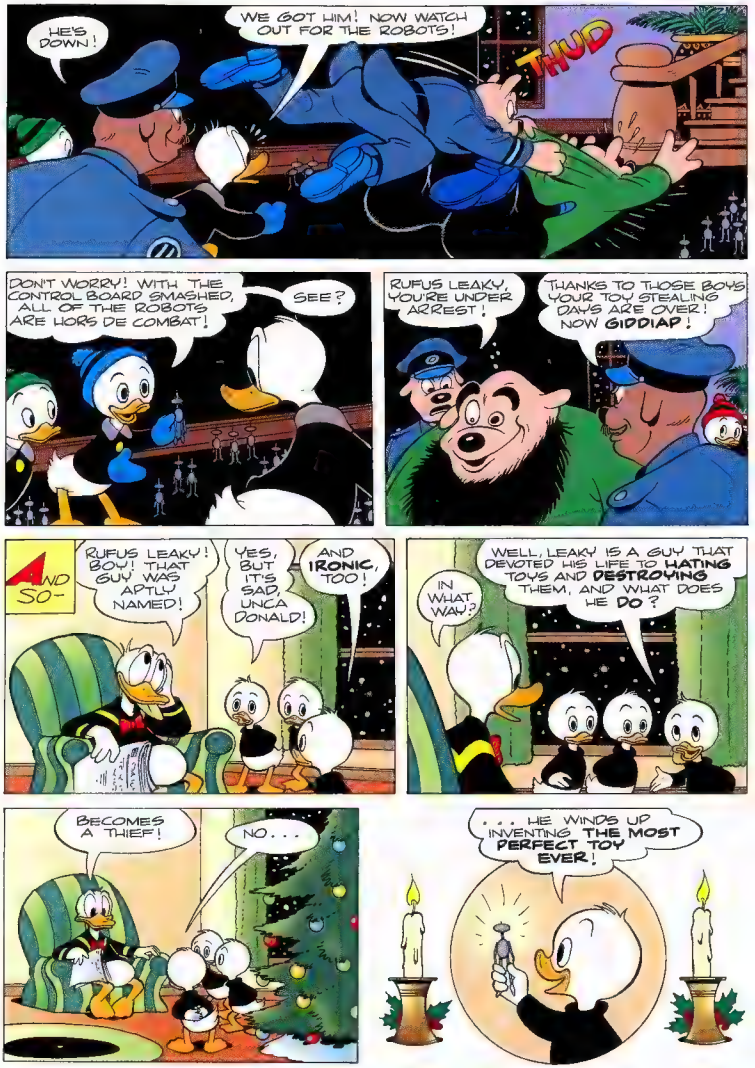

THE ANSWER IS NOT LONG IN COMING!
SHH! IT'S A VAN! A BIG ONE!
IT'D HAVE TO BE! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THE DRIVER!
CRIPES! HE'S A MOUNTAIN WITH SHOES ON!
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN TACKLE THAT BOZO! YOU BOYS GET THE LICENSE NUMBER OF THE VAN AND GO FOR THE POLICE!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, UNCA DONALD!
HOP ON THE VAN AND RIDE BACK TO THAT GUY'S HIDEY-HOLE WITH HIM!
I HOPE UNCA DONALD KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING!
DO ANY OF US AT THIS POINT?
AFTER A BUMPY HALF HOUR, THE VAN ARRIVES AT ITS DESTINATION!
FINALLY! I'M LUCKY I'M NOT FROZEN ONTO THE BACK OF THIS THING!
COME ALONG, LITTLE ONES! WE'VE DONE WELL THIS NIGHT!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, BUDDY!
NOW COMES THE REAL FUN! HEE! HEE! HEE!
THIS GUY SOUNDS LIKE A REAL DING-A-LING!
SOON-
CLANG CRASH CLANG
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON IN THERE? IT SOUNDS LIKE THE ANVIL CHORUS!


NUTS! I CAN'T QUITE REACH THE SILL! GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GET INSIDE SOMEHOW!
AH, HERE WE GO! I WISH THE POLICE WOULD HURRY UP! I'D FEEL A LOT BETTER WITH SOME BACK-UP!
SO FAR SO GOOD! NO SIGN OF THE LITTLE ROBOTS!
NO DOUBT WHERE THE ACTION IS AROUND HERE!
BASH
CRUNCH
CRASH
OH, MY HEAVENLY STARS!
I'VE— YIPES!
CLOMP
WELL, WELL! HEE! HEE! HEE! ANOTHER TOY! A FUNNY LOOKING ONE, TOO!

I'M NO TOY, WHISKERS! SO GET THESE THINGS OFF OF ME!
OH, I CAN'T DO THAT! YOU'D ONLY RUN AWAY AND TELL! BESIDES, I'M BUSY!
I HAVE TO MASH AND BASH AND STOMP THESE TOYS ALL TO SMITHEREENS!
WHY, WHAT HAVE YOU GOT AGAINST TOYS?
I HATE THEM! WHEN I WAS A CHILD I WAS NEVER ALLOWED TO HAVE TOYS!
TOYLESS RUFUS THE OTHER KIDS ALL CALLED ME! THEY SAID I WAS WEIRD!
SO I DECIDED THAT SOME DAY I'D GET EVEN WITH KIDS WHO HAD TOYS! HEE! HEE!
AND I AM!
WONDERFUL! SO WHERE DID THESE LITTLE ROBOTS COME FROM?
I MADE THEM! I DESIGNED AND BUILT THEM! I'M NOT STUPID, YOU KNOW!
NO, JUST OUT OF YOUR GORD!
THEY'RE RADIO-CONTROLLED! I CAN GIVE DIFFERENT ONES DIFFERENT TASKS DEPENDING ON THE FREQUENCIES I USE!
GOTTA KEEP THIS NUTCAKE TALKING! WHERE, OH WHERE ARE THE BOYS AND THE POLICE?


QUITE CLOSE, AS A MATTER OF FACT!
LICENSE RECORDS INDICATE THE VAN IS OWNED BY A RUFUS LEAKY, 444 BEDLAM TERRACE!
HURRY, OFFICERS! OUR UNCA DONALD COULD BE IN BIG TROUBLE!
THIS IS IT, BOYS!
CREEPY LOOKIN' JOINT!
AND THERE'S THE VAN!
POLICE
444
OKAY, BOYS! STAY BEHIND US AND KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!
YES, SIR!
POLICE OPEN UP!
KNOCK KNOCK
NOTHING! OKAY ED! GIVE IT THE WORKS!
RIGHTO! STAND ASIDE!
CRUNCH
WHAT'S THAT NOISE? WHO'S THERE?
POLICE, LEAKY! COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP!
HA! LOOKS LIKE IT'S JIGGERS, BIG BOY!
YOU TOLD ON ME! I'M GOING TO GET YOU GOOD!


YOICKS! GO EASY, WHISKERS! SOMEBODY COULD GET HURT!
YEAH, AND IT'S GOING TO BE YOU!
SWISH
NO FAIR! HOLD STILL SO I CAN HIT YOU!
CRASH
YOU ROTTEN GUY! YOU MADE ME HURT MY CONTROL PANEL!
TELL ME ABOUT IT! THESE ROBOTS ARE GOING NUTS!
OINK WHOOP FIZZ
OKAY, BUDDY! PUT 'EM UP! YOU'RE UNDER--
OOF!
HERE COME MORE OF THEM!
THEY'RE LIKE ANTS, THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!
GIVE ME THAT MALLET! I'LL PUT A STOP TO THIS!
I'M NOT STAYING HERE ANYMORE! YOU GUYS ARE MAKING EVERYTHING CRAZY!
STOP HIM!
THIS OUGHT TO CALM THINGS DOWN!
CRUNCH
BASH
MASH


HE'S DOWN!
WE GOT HIM! NOW WATCH OUT FOR THE ROBOTS!
THUD
DON'T WORRY! WITH THE CONTROL BOARD SMASHED, ALL OF THE ROBOTS ARE HORS DE COMBAT!
SEE?
RUFUS LEAKY, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
THANKS TO THOSE BOYS YOUR TOY STEALING DAYS ARE OVER! NOW GIDDIAP!
AND SO-
RUFUS LEAKY! BOY! THAT GUY WAS APTLY NAMED!
YES, BUT IT'S SAD, UNCA DONALD!
AND IRONIC, TOO!
WELL, LEAKY IS A GUY THAT DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO HATING TOYS AND DESTROYING THEM, AND WHAT DOES HE DO?
IN WHAT WAY?
BECOMES A THIEF!
NO...
...HE WINDS UP INVENTING THE MOST PERFECT TOY EVER!

Walt Disney's Li'l Bad Wolf

in Piping the Lynx

YESSIR! PLAY ANY TUNE ON THIS PIPE AND EVERY PIG WITHIN A MILE WILL COME RUNNING!
SOUNDS DELICIOUS! YOU SAID TEN DOLLARS?
NO, PA! DON'T!
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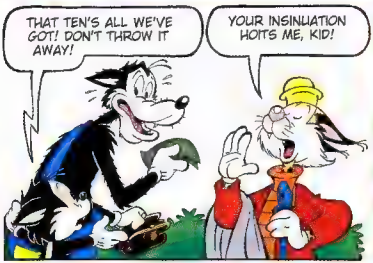
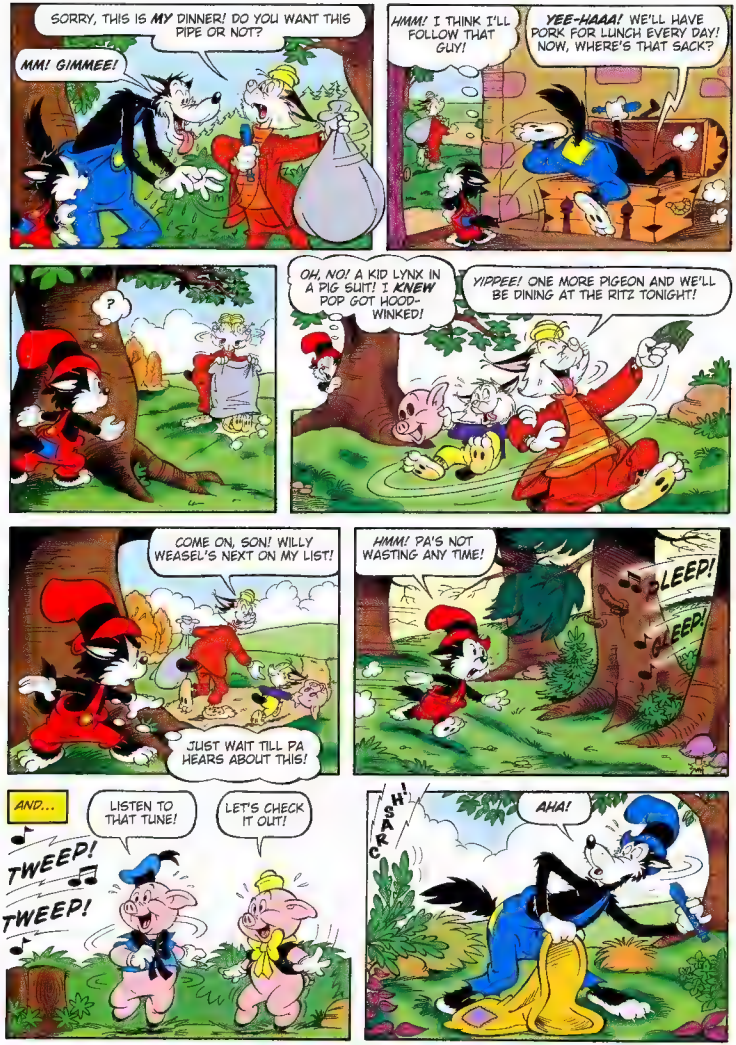
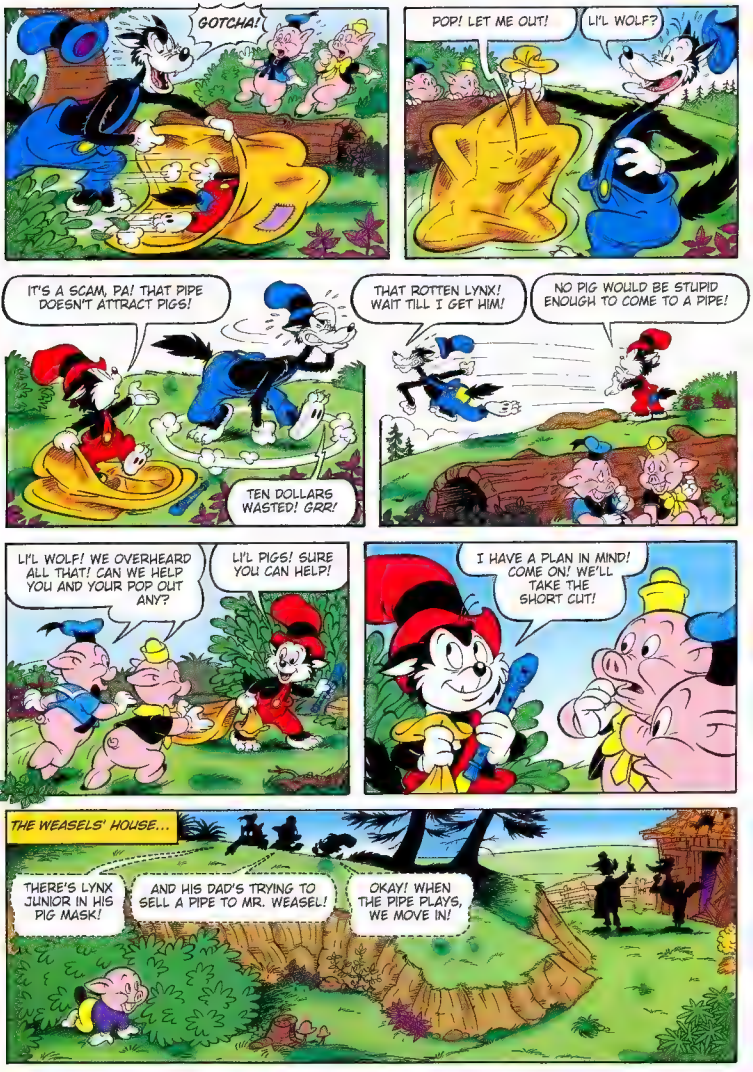



SORRY, THIS IS MY DINNER! DO YOU WANT THIS PIPE OR NOT?
MM! GIMMEE!
HMM! I THINK I'LL FOLLOW THAT GUY!
YEE-HAAA! WE'LL HAVE PORK FOR LUNCH EVERY DAY! NOW, WHERE'S THAT SACK?
?
OH, NO! A KID LYNX IN A PIG SUIT! I KNEW POP GOT HOOD-WINKED!
YIPPEE! ONE MORE PIGEON AND WE'LL BE DINING AT THE RITZ TONIGHT!
COME ON, SON! WILLY WEASEL'S NEXT ON MY LIST!
JUST WAIT TILL PA HEARS ABOUT THIS!
HMM! PA'S NOT WASTING ANY TIME!
SLEEP!
SLEEP!
AND...
TWEEP!
TWEEP!
LISTEN TO THAT TUNE!
LET'S CHECK IT OUT!
CRASH!
AHA!


GOTCHA!
POP! LET ME OUT!
LI'L WOLF?
IT'S A SCAM, PA! THAT PIPE DOESN'T ATTRACT PIGS!
TEN DOLLARS WASTED! GRR!
THAT ROTTEN LYNX! WAIT TILL I GET HIM!
NO PIG WOULD BE STUPID ENOUGH TO COME TO A PIPE!
LI'L WOLF! WE OVERHEARD ALL THAT! CAN WE HELP YOU AND YOUR POP OUT ANY?
LI'L PIGS! SURE YOU CAN HELP!
I HAVE A PLAN IN MIND! COME ON! WE'LL TAKE THE SHORT CUT!
THE WEASELS' HOUSE...
THERE'S LYNX JUNIOR IN HIS PIG MASK!
AND HIS DAD'S TRYING TO SELL A PIPE TO MR. WEASEL!
OKAY! WHEN THE PIPE PLAYS, WE MOVE IN!

FWEEP!
HEY!
DEEP!
NOW WHAT?
NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO PULL A FAST ONE ON THAT CON MAN LYNX! I'LL PLAY AND YOU FOLLOW!
AND SO...
WOTTA HUNK OF JUNK! SCRAM!
NO, WAIT!
UH-OH!
YOU CROOK! I WANT MY MONEY BACK!
URK! CALM DOWN NOW...
LI'L WOLF!
WEEP!

THE WOLF!
SON! OH, I'M SO PROUD!
LET THEM GO, PA! WE HAVE THE PIPE!
AND ONE IN THE BAG!
BUT MR. LYNX'S SACK IS EMPTY! DID YOUR PIG GET AWAY?
WELL, ER...
LUCKILY, WE STILL HAVE THIS PIG! WHY DON'T WE SELL IT TO HIM, PA?
NO! NO!
YOU WON'T MIND SELLING HIM, PA!
GASP!
ARGH!
OKAY! LET'S CALL IT FIFTEEN!
AND...
I BET THAT'S THE LAST TIME A LYNX TRIES TO TRICK A WOLF!
AS IF -:AHEM!:- I'D BE TAKEN BY SUCH A STUPID IDEA!
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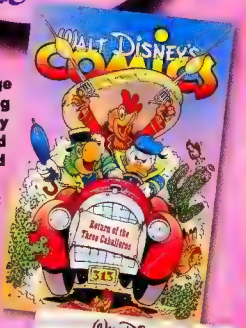

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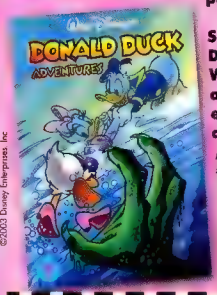

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MICKEY MOUSE in Key to the Loch

PROFESSOR DUSTIBONES HAS INVITED MICKEY ON AN EXCITING EXPEDITION-
YOU WANT ME TO HELP YOU LOOK FOR THAT THING?! WHAT IS IT?
THE LOCH MESS MONSTER! OF COURSE, THIS DRAWING IS BASED ON UNRELIABLE EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS!
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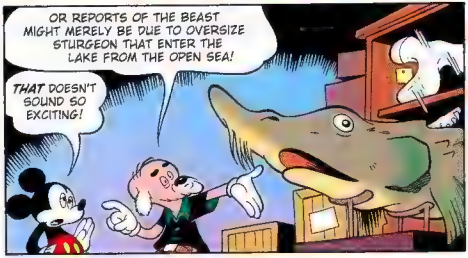
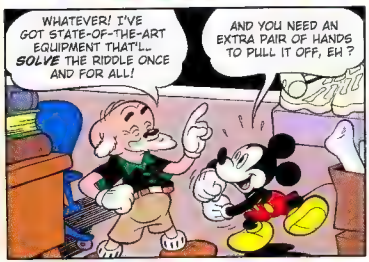
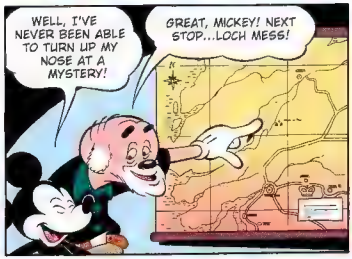
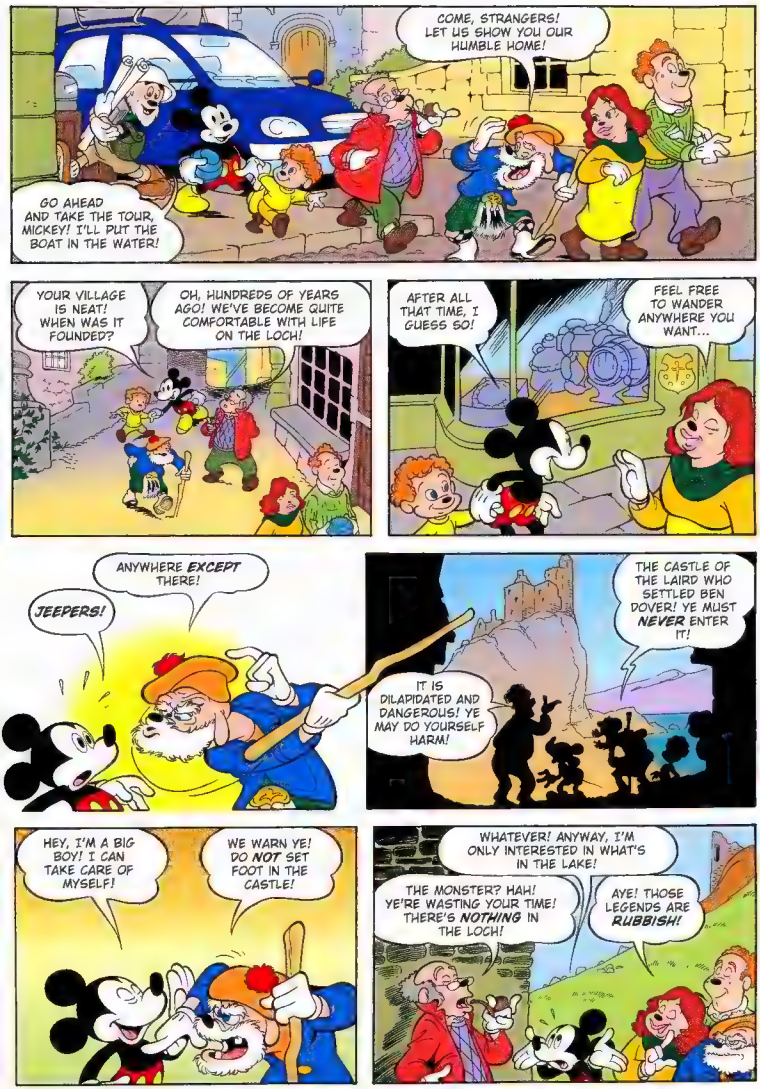
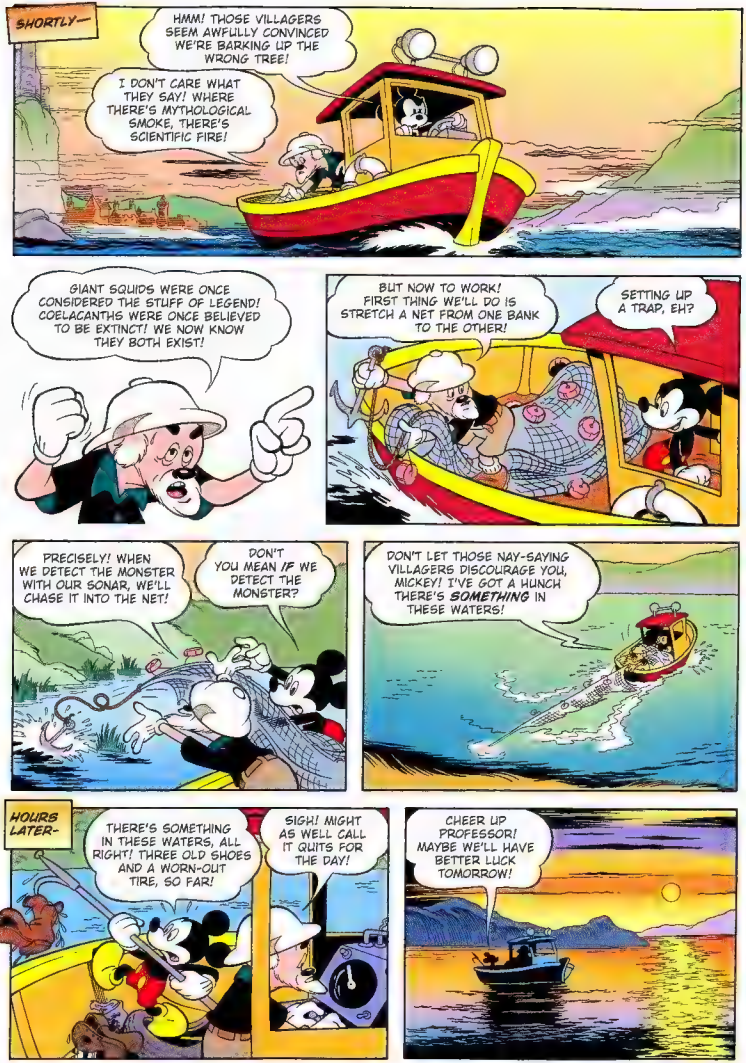

OR REPORTS OF THE BEAST MIGHT MERELY BE DUE TO OVERSIZE STURGEON THAT ENTER THE LAKE FROM THE OPEN SEA!
THAT DOESN'T SOUND SO EXCITING!

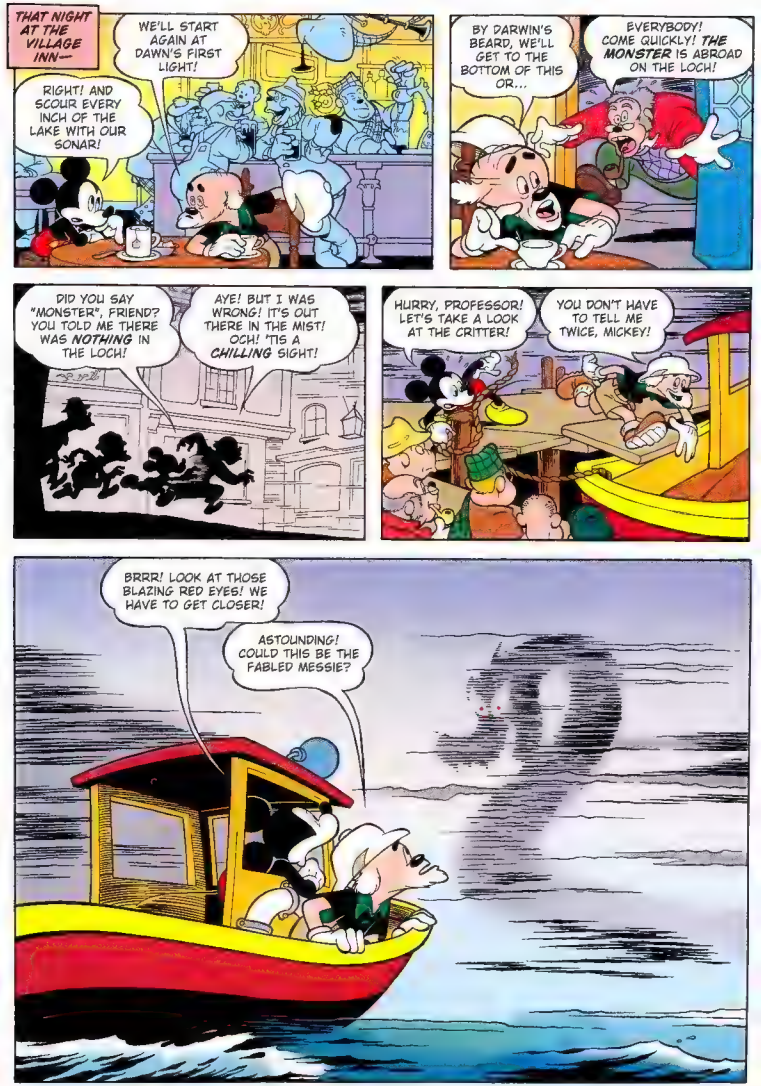

WHATEVER! I'VE GOT STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT THAT'L.. SOLVE THE RIDDLE ONCE AND FOR ALL!
AND YOU NEED AN EXTRA PAIR OF HANDS TO PULL IT OFF, EH ?

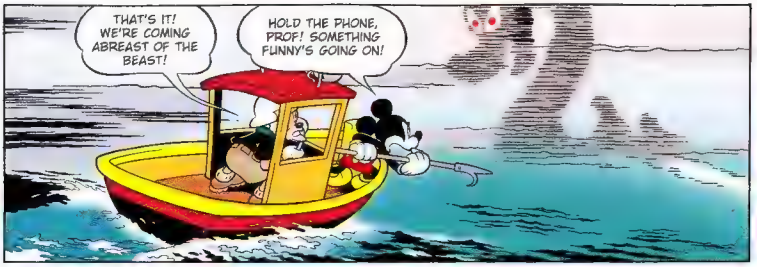


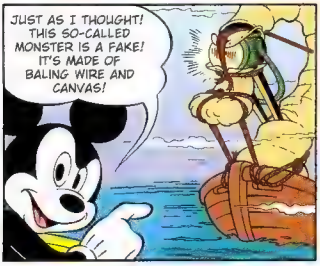
THE EXPEDITION IS MOUNTED AND IN NO TIME FLAT—
WE'LL BASE OUR OPERATION IN BEN DOVER, THIS VILLAGE NESTLED ON THE BANKS OF THE LOCH!
I HOPE THE LOCALS DON'T MIND US POKING AROUND IN THEIR LAKE!
Ye Olde Inn
LET'S DROP OUR STUFF OFF AT THIS INN BEFORE TAKING THE BOAT TO THE LANDING!
GEE! WHAT A CHARMING LITTLE BURG!
WE'RE NOT HERE TO ADMIRE THE SCENERY, MICKEY! OUR TASK IS TO PROVE THE EXISTENCE OF THE LOCH MESS MONSTER!
DID YE HEAR WHAT HE SAID? THEY'RE AFTER THE MONSTER!
HEH! PERHAPS YE'LL FIND HIM TAKIN' A WEE BIT OF A SWIM TOMORROW MORNIN'!
NOW, ROBBIE! DON'T BE PUTTIN' SILLY THOUGHTS IN THESE GENTLEMEN'S HEADS!
WE'RE HERE ON A SCIENTIFIC MISSION! IF, THAT IS, IT'S OKAY WITH YOU!
PLEASE YOURSELVES! YE AREN'T THE FIRST SUCKERS COME HUNTIN' FOR THE BEASTIE!
I'M ANGUS!
HOWDY, ANGUS! IS THAT YOUR BALL? LET ME SEE IT!
ARE YOU READY, ANGUS? CATCH!
LOOK! HE HAS A WAY WITH THE CHILD!
AYE! THEY SEEM LIKE BONNIE FOLK!

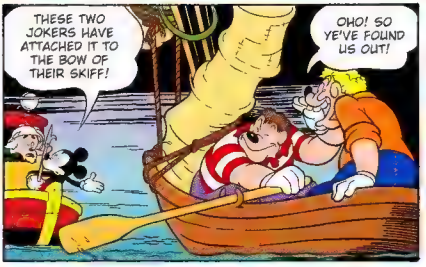

COME, STRANGERS! LET US SHOW YOU OUR HUMBLE HOME!
GO AHEAD AND TAKE THE TOUR, MICKEY! I'LL PUT THE BOAT IN THE WATER!
YOUR VILLAGE IS NEAT! WHEN WAS IT FOUNDED?
OH, HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO! WE'VE BECOME QUITE COMFORTABLE WITH LIFE ON THE LOCH!
AFTER ALL THAT TIME, I GUESS SO!
FEEL FREE TO WANDER ANYWHERE YOU WANT...
ANYWHERE *EXCEPT* THERE!
JEEPERS!
THE CASTLE OF THE LAIRD WHO SETTLED BEN DOVER! YE MUST *NEVER* ENTER IT!
IT IS DILAPIDATED AND DANGEROUS! YE MAY DO YOURSELF HARM!
HEY, I'M A BIG BOY! I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!
WE WARN YE! DO *NOT* SET FOOT IN THE CASTLE!
WHATEVER! ANYWAY, I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN WHAT'S IN THE LAKE!
THE MONSTER? HAH! YE'RE WASTING YOUR TIME! THERE'S *NOTHING* IN THE LOCH!
AYE! THOSE LEGENDS ARE *RUBBISH!*

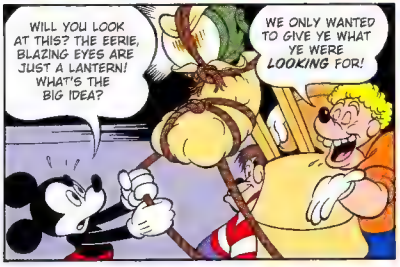

SHORTLY—
HMM! THOSE VILLAGERS SEEM AWFULLY CONVINCED WE'RE BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE!
I DON'T CARE WHAT THEY SAY! WHERE THERE'S MYTHOLOGICAL SMOKE, THERE'S SCIENTIFIC FIRE!
GIANT SQUIDS WERE ONCE CONSIDERED THE STUFF OF LEGEND! COELACANTHS WERE ONCE BELIEVED TO BE EXTINCT! WE NOW KNOW THEY BOTH EXIST!
BUT NOW TO WORK! FIRST THING WE'LL DO IS STRETCH A NET FROM ONE BANK TO THE OTHER!
SETTING UP A TRAP, EH?
PRECISELY! WHEN WE DETECT THE MONSTER WITH OUR SONAR, WE'LL CHASE IT INTO THE NET!
DON'T YOU MEAN IF WE DETECT THE MONSTER?
DON'T LET THOSE NAY-SAYING VILLAGERS DISCOURAGE YOU, MICKEY! I'VE GOT A HUNCH THERE'S SOMETHING IN THESE WATERS!
HOURS LATER-
THERE'S SOMETHING IN THESE WATERS, ALL RIGHT! THREE OLD SHOES AND A WORN-OUT TIRE, SO FAR!
SIGH! MIGHT AS WELL CALL IT QUITS FOR THE DAY!
CHEER UP PROFESSOR! MAYBE WE'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK TOMORROW!


THAT NIGHT AT THE VILLAGE INN—
WE'LL START AGAIN AT DAWN'S FIRST LIGHT!
RIGHT! AND SCOUR EVERY INCH OF THE LAKE WITH OUR SONAR!
BY DARWIN'S BEARD, WE'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS OR...
EVERYBODY! COME QUICKLY! THE MONSTER IS ABROAD ON THE LOCH!
DID YOU SAY "MONSTER", FRIEND? YOU TOLD ME THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE LOCH!
AYE! BUT I WAS WRONG! IT'S OUT THERE IN THE MIST! OCH! 'TIS A CHILLING SIGHT!
HURRY, PROFESSOR! LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE CRITTER!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE, MICKEY!
BRRR! LOOK AT THOSE BLAZING RED EYES! WE HAVE TO GET CLOSER!
ASTOUNDING! COULD THIS BE THE FABLED MESSIE?

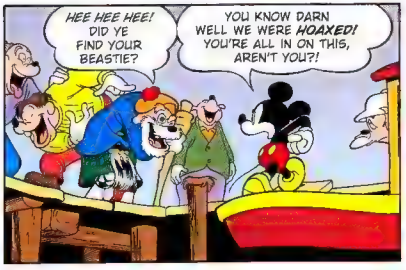

THAT'S IT! WE'RE COMING ABREAST OF THE BEAST!
HOLD THE PHONE, PROF! SOMETHING FUNNY'S GOING ON!


JUST AS I THOUGHT! THIS SO-CALLED MONSTER IS A FAKE! IT'S MADE OF BALING WIRE AND CANVAS!

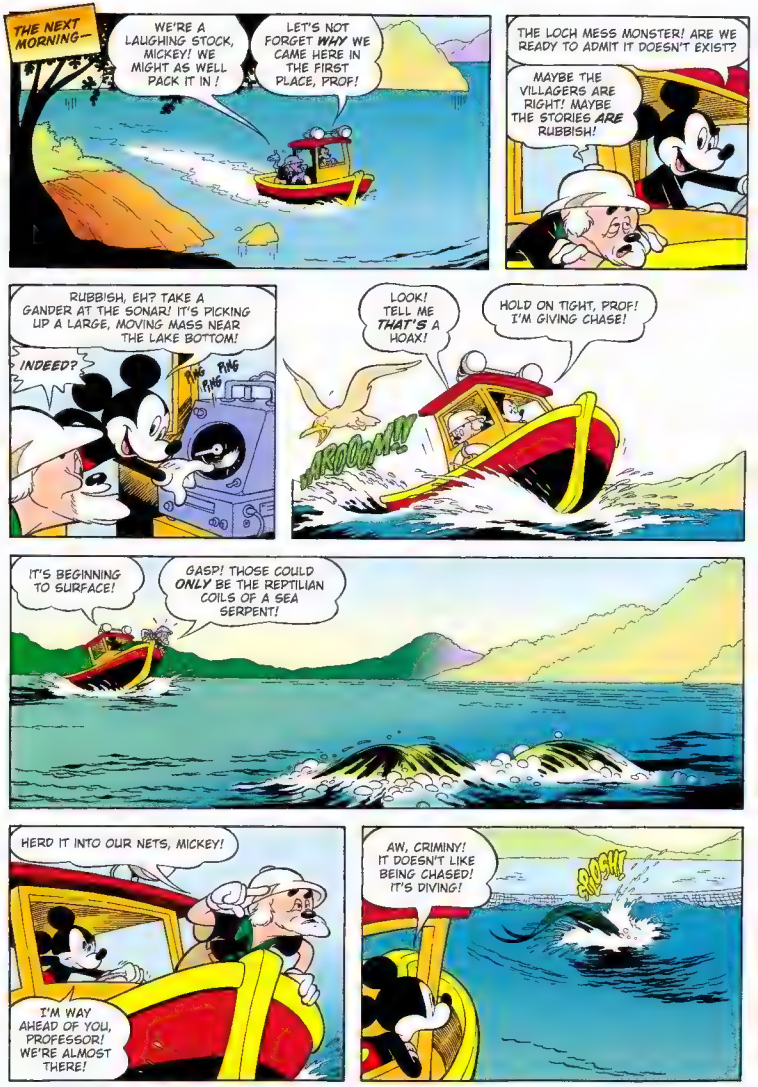

THESE TWO JOKERS HAVE ATTACHED IT TO THE BOW OF THEIR SKIFF!
OHO! SO YE'VE FOUND US OUT!

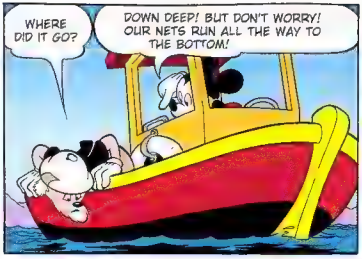

WILL YOU LOOK AT THIS? THE EERIE, BLAZING EYES ARE JUST A LANTERN! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
WE ONLY WANTED TO GIVE YE WHAT YE WERE *LOOKING* FOR!

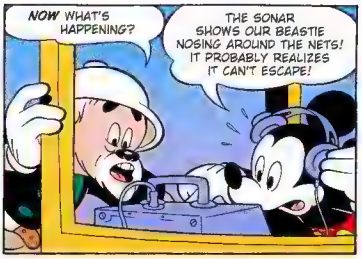
WE DID'NA WANT TO DISAPPOINT YE! YE CAN KEEP IT!
OH, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!

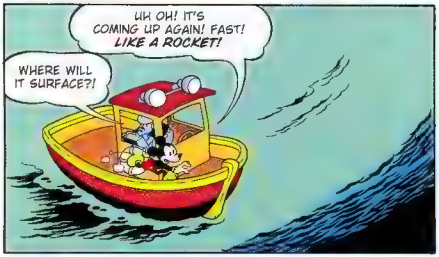

HEE HEE HEE! DID YE FIND YOUR BEASTIE?
YOU KNOW DARN WELL WE WERE ***HOAXED!*** YOU'RE ALL IN ON THIS, AREN'T YOU?!

MAYBE ***NOW*** YE WILL SEE THE FOLLY OF YOUR QUEST AND GO HOME!
THIS PRANK DOESN'T PROVE A THING! IF THERE'S A ***REAL*** LOCH MESS MONSTER OUT THERE, WE'RE GOING TO FIND IT!

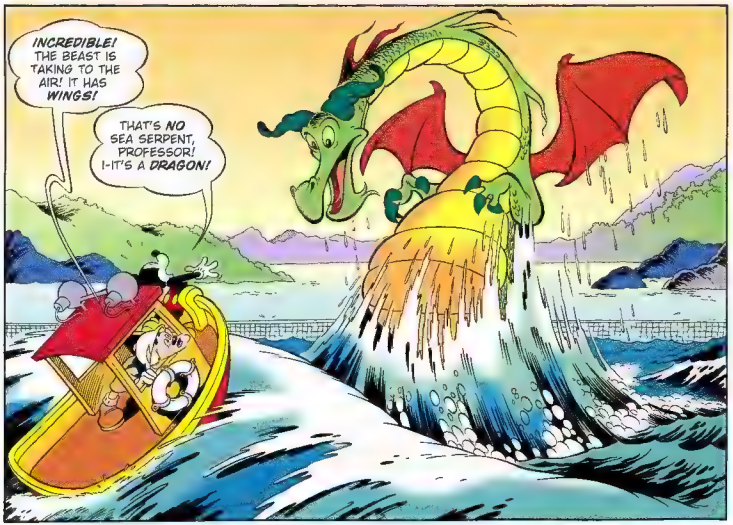

THE NEXT MORNING—
WE'RE A LAUGHING STOCK, MICKEY! WE MIGHT AS WELL PACK IT IN!
LET'S NOT FORGET WHY WE CAME HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE, PROF!
THE LOCH MESS MONSTER! ARE WE READY TO ADMIT IT DOESN'T EXIST?
MAYBE THE VILLAGERS ARE RIGHT! MAYBE THE STORIES ARE RUBBISH!
RUBBISH, EH? TAKE A GANDER AT THE SONAR! IT'S PICKING UP A LARGE, MOVING MASS NEAR THE LAKE BOTTOM!
INDEED?
PING
PING
PING
LOOK! TELL ME THAT'S A HOAX!
HOLD ON TIGHT, PROF! I'M GIVING CHASE!
KROOOM!!
IT'S BEGINNING TO SURFACE!
GASP! THOSE COULD ONLY BE THE REPTILIAN COILS OF A SEA SERPENT!
HERD IT INTO OUR NETS, MICKEY!
I'M WAY AHEAD OF YOU, PROFESSOR! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!
AW, CRIMINY! IT DOESN'T LIKE BEING CHASED! IT'S DIVING!
SPLASH!


WHERE DID IT GO?
DOWN DEEP! BUT DON'T WORRY! OUR NETS RUN ALL THE WAY TO THE BOTTOM!


NOW WHAT'S HAPPENING?
THE SONAR SHOWS OUR BEASTIE NOSING AROUND THE NETS! IT PROBABLY REALIZES IT CAN'T ESCAPE!


UH OH! IT'S COMING UP AGAIN! FAST! LIKE A ROCKET!
WHERE WILL IT SURFACE?!

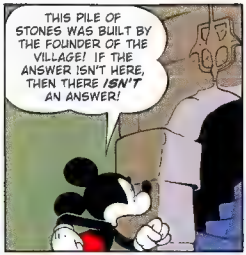
RIGHT THERE! BETWEEN US AND THE NETS! ANY SECOND NOW...

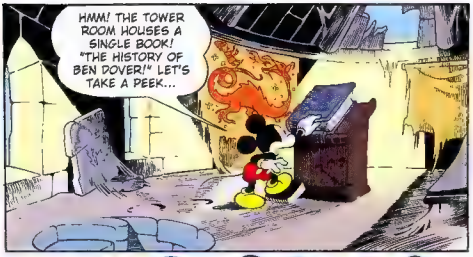

INCREDIBLE! THE BEAST IS TAKING TO THE AIR! IT HAS WINGS!
THAT'S NO SEA SERPENT, PROFESSOR! I-IT'S A DRAGON!

SO MY THEORY WAS CORRECT! EVEN IF IT ISN'T A SEA SERPENT, THE BEAST DEFINITELY IS MYTHOLOGICAL!
A DRAGON! IT LOOKS JUST LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A FAIRY TALE!
IT'S DIVING BACK INTO THE LAKE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF OUR NETS!
AFTER IT!
EASIER SAID THAN DONE, PROF! WE'VE GOT TO MANEUVER AROUND THE NETS FIRST!
I'LL PUSH THEM DOWN! EASE THE BOAT THROUGH, MICKEY!
WE'RE ACROSS! WHAT DOES OUR SONAR SHOW?
NOTHING! THE CRITTER'S DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE!
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?! THE BEAST WAS HUGE!
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THE LOCAL VILLAGERS HAVE NEVER SPOTTED IT BEFORE!

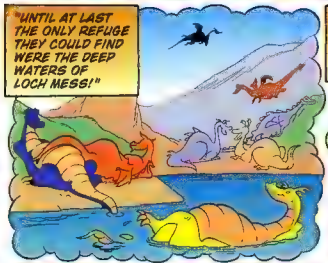
WHAT ARE YOU DRIVING AT, MICKEY?
THOSE FOLKS ARE A MITE TOO INSISTENT THERE'S NO LOCH MESS MONSTER! SOMETHING FUNNY'S GOING ON!
CONTINUE SCANNING THE LAKE, PROFESSOR! I'M GOING TO DO A LITTLE SLEUTHING ON SHORE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU EXPECT TO FIND! THE KEY TO THE LOCH IS OUT THERE!
TOP O' THE MORNING, STRANGER! HAVE YE GIVEN UP MONSTER HUNTING AT LAST?
LET'S JUST SAY I'M TAKING A BREAK!
IF THEY'RE NOT GOING TO MENTION THE DRAGON, THEN NEITHER AM I!
MISTER MOUSE! WILL YE TOSS THE BALL WITH ME?
SORRY, ANGUS, BUT I'M KINDA BUSY RIGHT NOW!
CAN I COME WITH YE? MAYBE I CAN HELP WITH...
SHHH!
ROBBIE MACNUTT! DID YE TAKE LEAVE OF YOUR SENSES?
SWIMMIN' LIKE A FOOL IN THE LOCH WHEN YE'RE PERFECTLY AWARE OF THE DANGER?!
NO HARM DONE, LUV! DON'T GO ALL AFLUTTER!
HMMM...
WHY SHOULD SHE BE SO UPSET UNLESS SHE'S AFRAID OF WHAT'S LURKING IN THOSE WATERS?

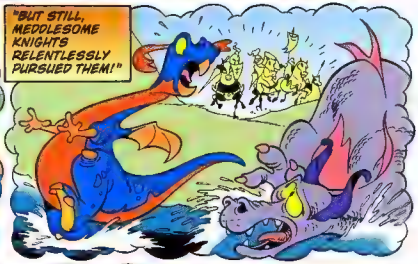
I'LL HAVE A LOOK AT THE OLD CASTLE! MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING IN THERE THAT'LL SHED SOME LIGHT ON THIS MYSTERY!
OH NO! DON'T GO THERE!
IT'S CERTAINLY NOT SAFE FOR LITTLE BOYS! SHOO, ANGUS! I'LL PLAY CATCH WITH YOU LATER!
B-BUT...
PLEASE! IT'S NOT SAFE UP THERE!
WELL, PICKLE ME AND CALL ME DILL! I'VE STRUCK PAY DIRT! THIS JOINT IS A REGULAR SHRINE TO DRAGONS!

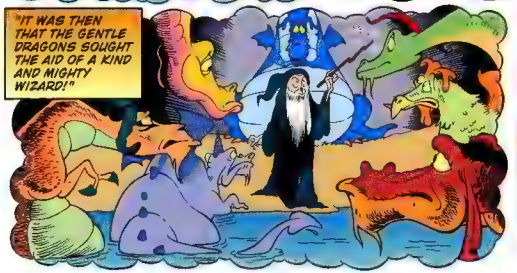

THIS PILE OF STONES WAS BUILT BY THE FOUNDER OF THE VILLAGE! IF THE ANSWER ISN'T HERE, THEN THERE *ISN'T* AN ANSWER!

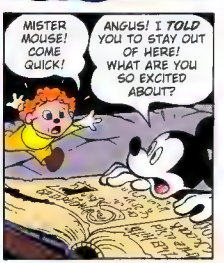

HMM! THE TOWER ROOM HOUSES A SINGLE BOOK! "THE HISTORY OF BEN DOVER!" LET'S TAKE A PEEK...

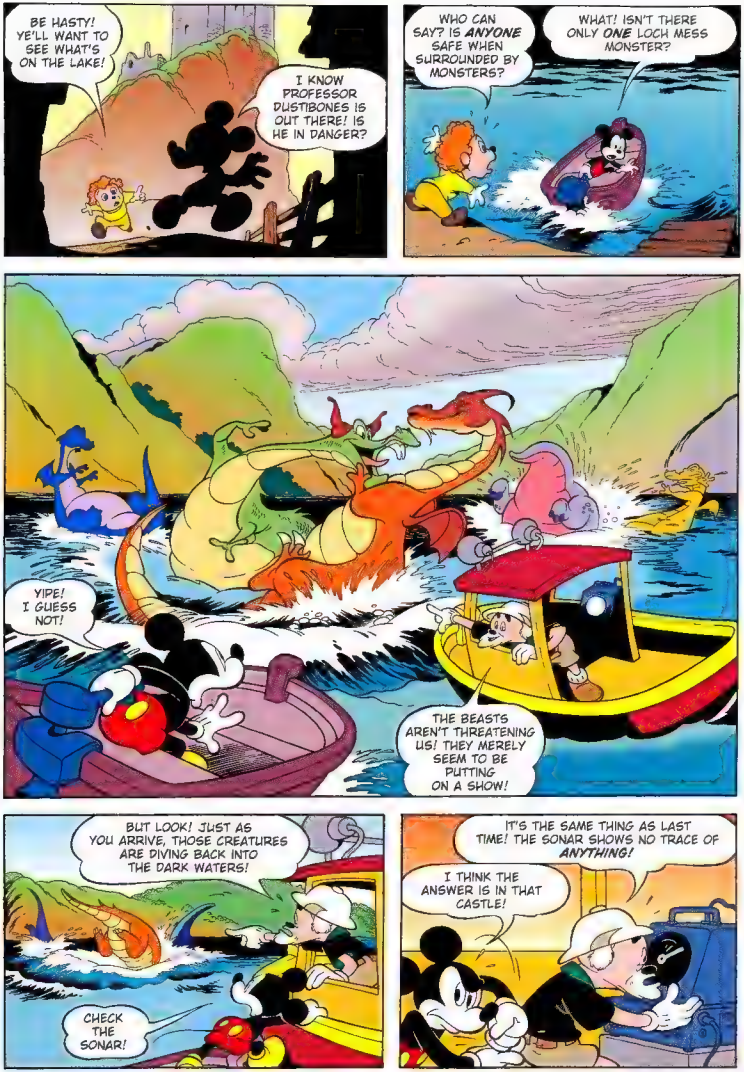
"IN YE OLDEN DAYS IT CAME TO PASS THAT THE DRAGONS OF YORE WERE HARRIED AND HUNTED FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE LAND!"

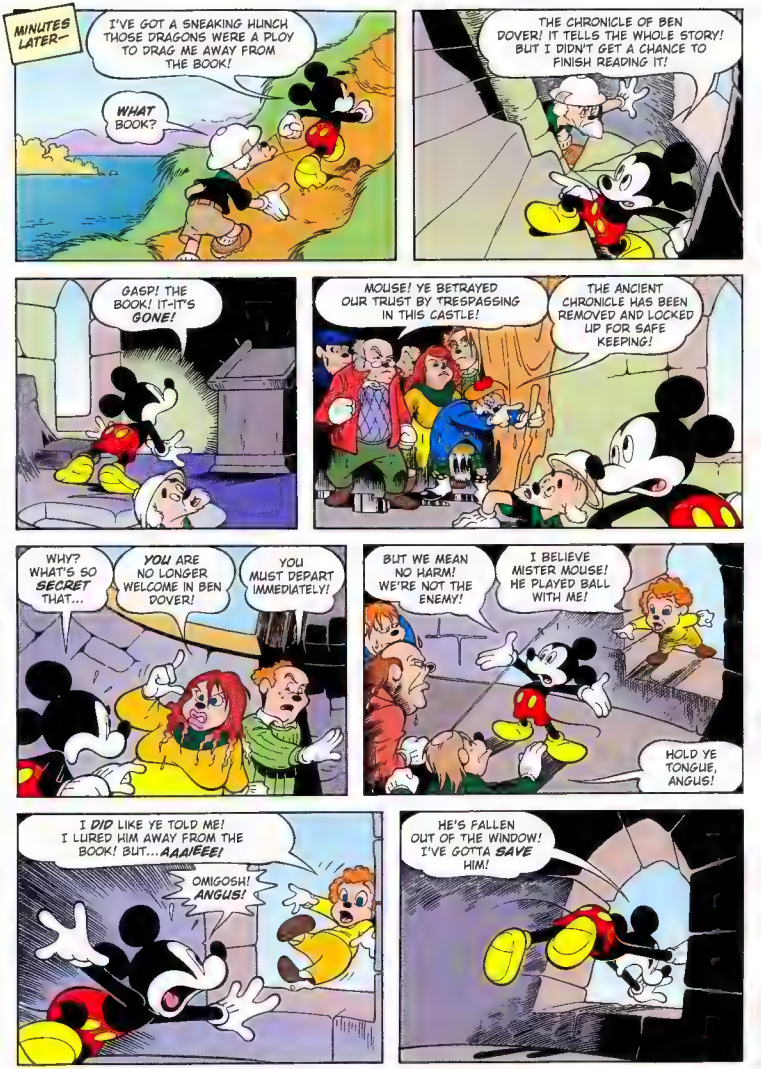

"UNTIL AT LAST THE ONLY REFUGE THEY COULD FIND WERE THE DEEP WATERS OF LOCH MESS!"


"BUT STILL, MEDDLESOME KNIGHTS RELENTLESSLY PURSUED THEM!"

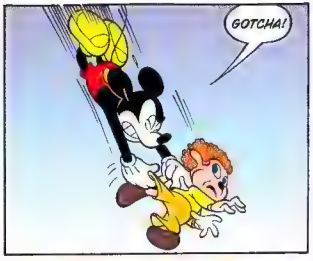

"IT WAS THEN THAT THE GENTLE DRAGONS SOUGHT THE AID OF A KIND AND MIGHTY WIZARD!"


MISTER MOUSE! COME QUICK!
ANGUS! I *TOLD* YOU TO STAY OUT OF HERE! WHAT ARE YOU SO EXCITED ABOUT?


BE HASTY! YE'LL WANT TO SEE WHAT'S ON THE LAKE!
I KNOW PROFESSOR DUSTIBONES IS OUT THERE! IS HE IN DANGER?
WHO CAN SAY? IS ANYONE SAFE WHEN SURROUNDED BY MONSTERS?
WHAT! ISN'T THERE ONLY ONE LOCH MESS MONSTER?
YIPE! I GUESS NOT!
THE BEASTS AREN'T THREATENING US! THEY MERELY SEEM TO BE PUTTING ON A SHOW!
BUT LOOK! JUST AS YOU ARRIVE, THOSE CREATURES ARE DIVING BACK INTO THE DARK WATERS!
CHECK THE SONAR!
IT'S THE SAME THING AS LAST TIME! THE SONAR SHOWS NO TRACE OF ANYTHING!
I THINK THE ANSWER IS IN THAT CASTLE!


MINUTES LATER—
I'VE GOT A SNEAKING HUNCH THOSE DRAGONS WERE A PLOY TO DRAG ME AWAY FROM THE BOOK!
WHAT BOOK?
THE CHRONICLE OF BEN DOVER! IT TELLS THE WHOLE STORY! BUT I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO FINISH READING IT!
GASP! THE BOOK! IT-IT'S GONE!
MOUSE! YE BETRAYED OUR TRUST BY TRESPASSING IN THIS CASTLE!
THE ANCIENT CHRONICLE HAS BEEN REMOVED AND LOCKED UP FOR SAFE KEEPING!
WHY? WHAT'S SO SECRET THAT...
YOU ARE NO LONGER WELCOME IN BEN DOVER!
YOU MUST DEPART IMMEDIATELY!
BUT WE MEAN NO HARM! WE'RE NOT THE ENEMY!
I BELIEVE MISTER MOUSE! HE PLAYED BALL WITH ME!
HOLD YE TONGUE, ANGUS!
I DID LIKE YE TOLD ME! I LURED HIM AWAY FROM THE BOOK! BUT...AAAIEEE!
OMIGOSH! ANGUS!
HE'S FALLEN OUT OF THE WINDOW! I'VE GOTTA SAVE HIM!

IF I CAN GRAB THE KID...CUSHION HIS FALL...I MIGHT BE A GONER BUT AT LEAST LITTLE ANGUS WILL HAVE A CHANCE!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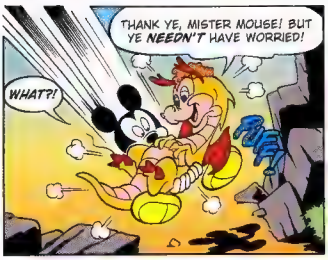
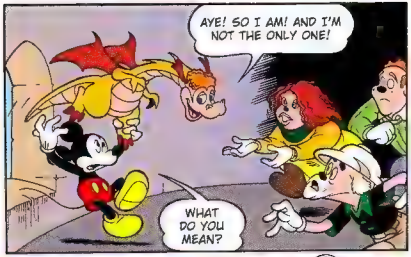
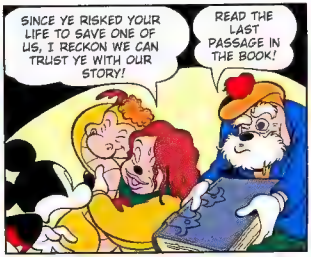
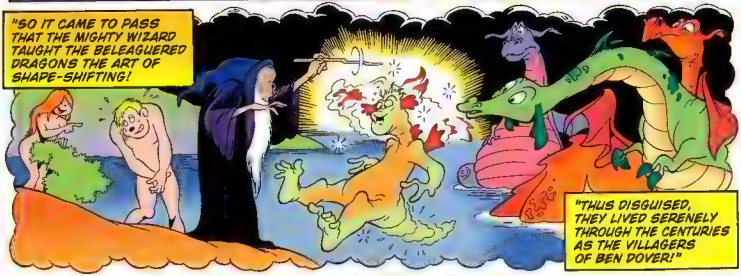

THANK YE, MISTER MOUSE! BUT YE NEEDN'T HAVE WORRIED!
WHAT?!

I'M QUITE CAPABLE O' TAKIN' CARE OF MYSELF!
B-BUT ANGUS... YOU'RE A DRAGON!


AYE! SO I AM! AND I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

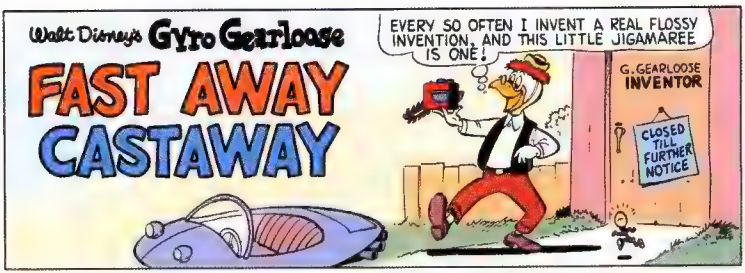

SINCE YE RISKED YOUR LIFE TO SAVE ONE OF US, I RECKON WE CAN TRUST YE WITH OUR STORY!
READ THE LAST PASSAGE IN THE BOOK!

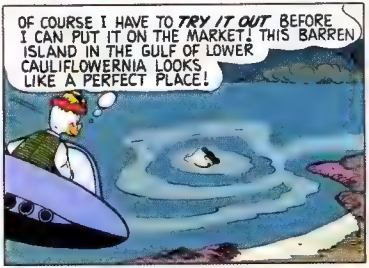

"SO IT CAME TO PASS THAT THE MIGHTY WIZARD TAUGHT THE BELEAGUERED DRAGONS THE ART OF SHAPE-SHIFTING!
"THUS DISGUISED, THEY LIVED SERENELY THROUGH THE CENTURIES AS THE VILLAGERS OF BEN DOVER!"

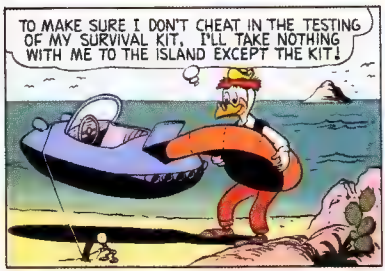
GREAT GUMP! YOU FOLKS ARE ACTUALLY THE DRAGONS YOURSELVES!
AYE! AND WE STILL CAN'T RESIST TAKIN' A DIP IN THE LOCH NOW'N'THEN!
MISTER MOUSE! YE WON'T GO BLABBIN' OUR SECRET TO THE WORLD, WILL YE?
YOU BET I WON'T!
BUT, MICKEY! THIS IS THE SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY OF THE CENTURY!
I KNOW! BUT TAKE A LOOK AT THESE FOLKS...
SURELY THEY DESERVE TO LIVE IN PEACE!
OH, DEAR! WHAT WAS I THINKING? YOU'RE RIGHT, OF COURSE!
AND SO-
MICKEY! IT'S TIME FOR US TO GO AND LEAVE OUR FRIENDS ALONE WITH THEIR SECRET!
BE THERE IN A MINUTE, PROF! JUST AS SOON AS I TAKE ONE LAST FLIGHT AROUND THE LOCH!
The End

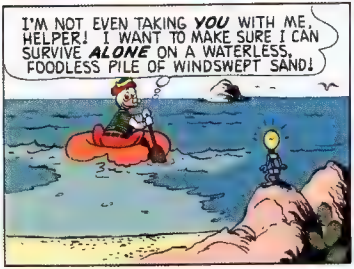
Walt Disney's Gyro Gearloose

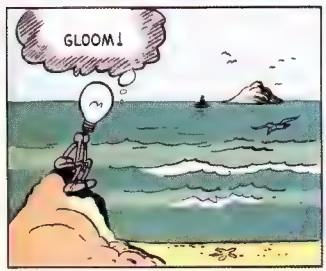
FAST AWAY CASTAWAY

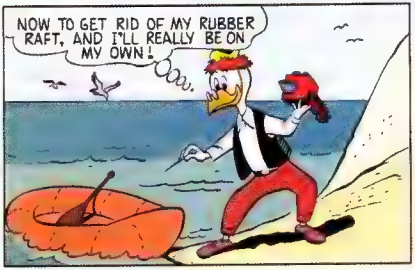

EVERY SO OFTEN I INVENT A REAL FLOSSY INVENTION, AND THIS LITTLE JIGAMAREE IS ONE!
G. GEARLOOSE INVENTOR
CLOSED TILL FURTHER NOTICE

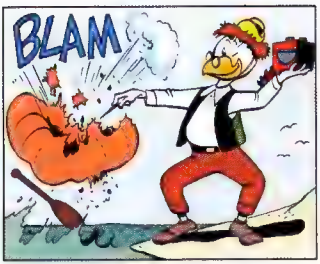

OF COURSE I HAVE TO *TRY IT OUT* BEFORE I CAN PUT IT ON THE MARKET! THIS BARREN ISLAND IN THE GULF OF LOWER CAULIFLOWERNIA LOOKS LIKE A PERFECT PLACE!




I'M NOT EVEN TAKING *YOU* WITH ME, HELPER! I WANT TO MAKE SURE I CAN SURVIVE *ALONE* ON A WATERLESS, FOODLESS PILE OF WINDSWEPT SAND!



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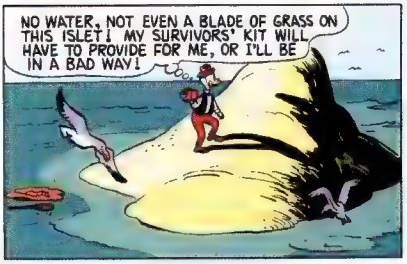
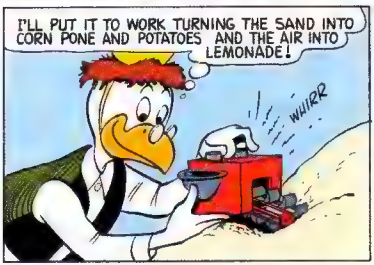
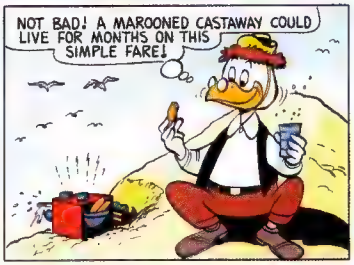
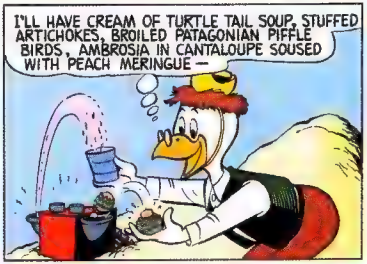
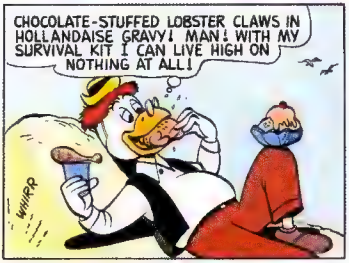

NO WATER, NOT EVEN A BLADE OF GRASS ON THIS ISLET! MY SURVIVORS' KIT WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE FOR ME, OR I'LL BE IN A BAD WAY!

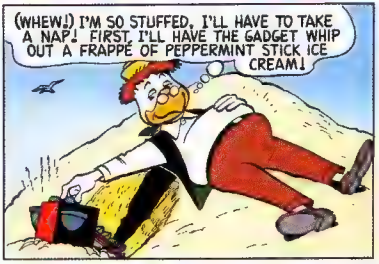

I'LL PUT IT TO WORK TURNING THE SAND INTO CORN PONE AND POTATOES AND THE AIR INTO LEMONADE!
WHIRR


NOT BAD! A MAROONED CASTAWAY COULD LIVE FOR MONTHS ON THIS SIMPLE FARE!

BUT WHY KEEP IT SO SIMPLE? WITH A TWIST OF THE DIALS THE GADGET CAN SIMULATE ANYTHING EATABLE!


I'LL HAVE CREAM OF TURTLE TAIL SOUP, STUFFED ARTICHOKES, BROILED PATAGONIAN PIFFLE BIRDS, AMBROSIA IN CANTALOUPE SOUSED WITH PEACH MERINGUE —


CHOCOLATE-STUFFED LOBSTER CLAWS IN HOLLANDAISE GRAVY! MAN! WITH MY SURVIVAL KIT I CAN LIVE HIGH ON NOTHING AT ALL!
WHIRR


(WHEW!) I'M SO STUFFED, I'LL HAVE TO TAKE A NAP! FIRST, I'LL HAVE THE GADGET WHIP OUT A FRAPPÉ OF PEPPERMINT STICK ICE CREAM!

YAWN!
ZZZZZ-ZZZ
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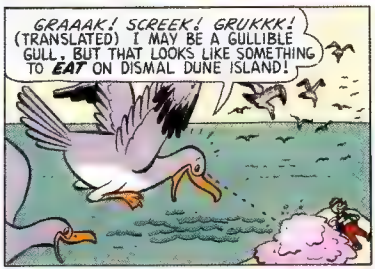
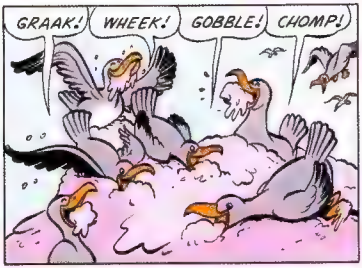
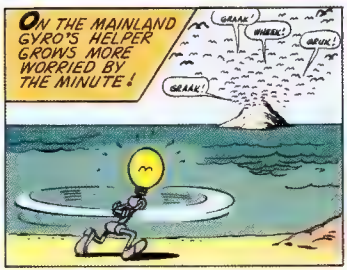
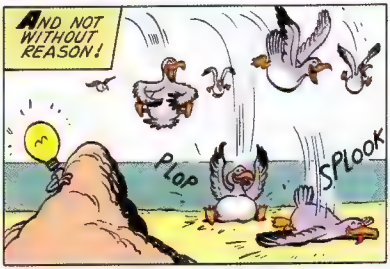
PLOP

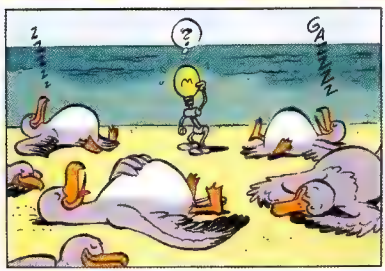
GYRO'S SURVIVAL KIT GRINDS OUT PEPPERMINT STICK ICE CREAM! IT GRINDS, AND IT GRINDS!
ZZZZZ


GRAAAK! SCREEK! GRUKKK! (TRANSLATED) I MAY BE A GULLIBLE GULL, BUT THAT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING TO EAT ON DISMAL DUNE ISLAND!


GRAAK!
WHEEK!
GOBBLE!
CHOMP!


ON THE MAINLAND GYRO'S HELPER GROWS MORE WORRIED BY THE MINUTE!
GRAAK!
WHEEK!
GRUK!
GRAAK!


AND NOT WITHOUT REASON!
PLOP
SPLOOK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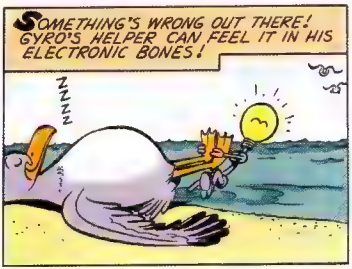
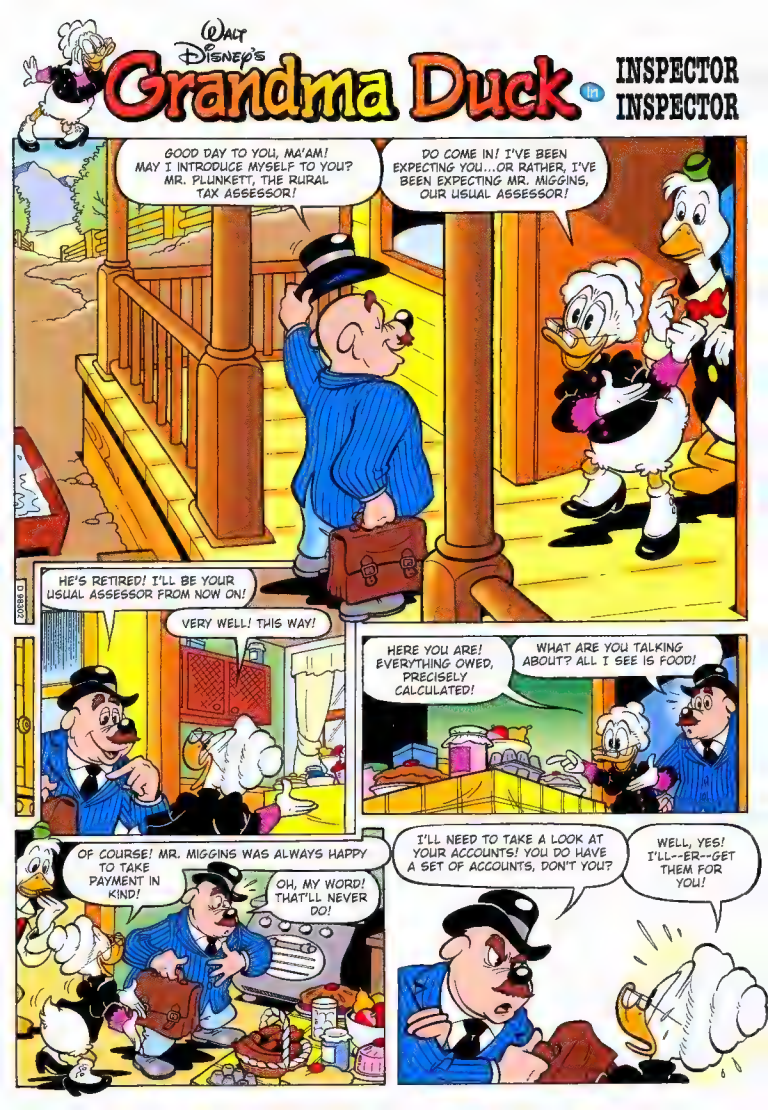
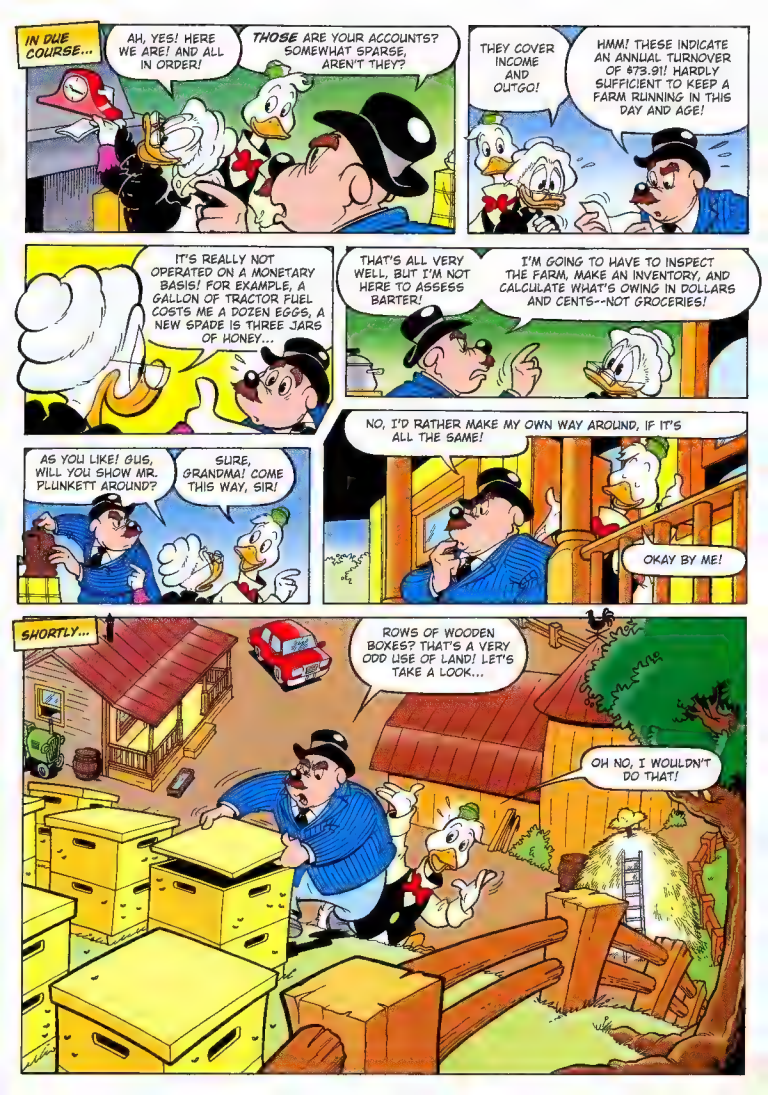

SOMETHING'S WRONG OUT THERE! GYRO'S HELPER CAN FEEL IT IN HIS ELECTRONIC BONES!
ZZZZ

HE NEEDS A "BOAT" TO TAKE HIM ACROSS THAT STRETCH OF WATER!
Z Z Z Z ? ?
BEEP! BEEP!
BEEP! BEEP!
WUK! HOW DID YOU GET HERE?.. HOW DID I GET SO COLD? HEY! THERE'S BEEN A DISASTER!
BEEP! BEEP!
MY SURVIVAL KIT HAS BURIED ITSELF SO DEEP I CAN'T FIND IT! I'LL HAVE TO SIGNAL FOR HELP!
SOS
AND SO!
IN SIXTY YEARS OF SAILING THESE TROPICAL SEAS, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER RESCUED A CASTAWAY FROM AN ISLAND OF PEPPERMINT STICK ICE CREAM!
PERHAPS, SIR, YOU'LL BE GOOD ENOUGH TO EXPLAIN THIS RIDICULOUS SITUATION!
IT WAS CAUSED BY AN INVENTION, SIR!
FIRST ONE I EVER INVENTED THAT FAILED ITS TEST BY BEING TOO MUCH OF A SUCCESS! ZZZ Z Z Z


Walt Disney's
Grandma Duck
INSPECTOR
INSPECTOR
GOOD DAY TO YOU, MA'AM! MAY I INTRODUCE MYSELF TO YOU? MR. PLUNKETT, THE RURAL TAX ASSESSOR!
DO COME IN! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU...OR RATHER, I'VE BEEN EXPECTING MR. MIGGINS, OUR USUAL ASSESSOR!
HE'S RETIRED! I'LL BE YOUR USUAL ASSESSOR FROM NOW ON!
VERY WELL! THIS WAY!
HERE YOU ARE! EVERYTHING OWED, PRECISELY CALCULATED!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? ALL I SEE IS FOOD!
OF COURSE! MR. MIGGINS WAS ALWAYS HAPPY TO TAKE PAYMENT IN KIND!
OH, MY WORD! THAT'LL NEVER DO!
I'LL NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR ACCOUNTS! YOU DO HAVE A SET OF ACCOUNTS, DON'T YOU?
WELL, YES! I'LL--ER--GET THEM FOR YOU!


IN DUE COURSE...
AH, YES! HERE WE ARE! AND ALL IN ORDER!
THOSE ARE YOUR ACCOUNTS? SOMEWHAT SPARSE, AREN'T THEY?
THEY COVER INCOME AND OUTGO!
HMM! THESE INDICATE AN ANNUAL TURNOVER OF $73.91! HARDLY SUFFICIENT TO KEEP A FARM RUNNING IN THIS DAY AND AGE!
IT'S REALLY NOT OPERATED ON A MONETARY BASIS! FOR EXAMPLE, A GALLON OF TRACTOR FUEL COSTS ME A DOZEN EGGS, A NEW SPADE IS THREE JARS OF HONEY...
THAT'S ALL VERY WELL, BUT I'M NOT HERE TO ASSESS BARTER!
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO INSPECT THE FARM, MAKE AN INVENTORY, AND CALCULATE WHAT'S OWING IN DOLLARS AND CENTS--NOT GROCERIES!
AS YOU LIKE! GUS, WILL YOU SHOW MR. PLUNKETT AROUND?
SURE, GRANDMA! COME THIS WAY, SIR!
NO, I'D RATHER MAKE MY OWN WAY AROUND, IF IT'S ALL THE SAME!
OKAY BY ME!
SHORTLY...
ROWS OF WOODEN BOXES? THAT'S A VERY ODD USE OF LAND! LET'S TAKE A LOOK...
OH NO, I WOULDN'T DO THAT!

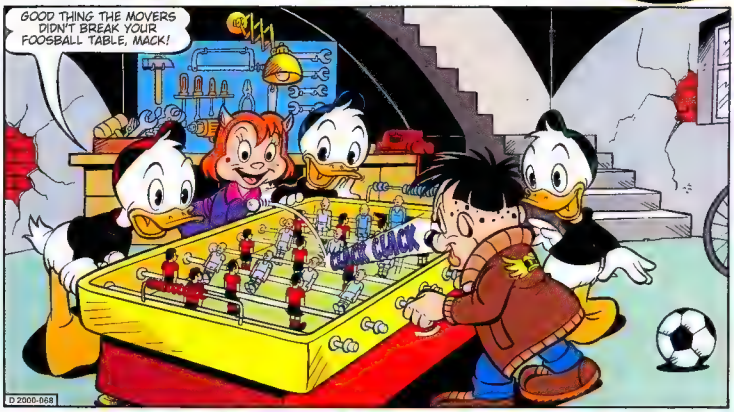
SEE WHAT I MEAN?
BZZZZ!
BZZZZ!
BZZZZ!
AAAAAAAAAHHH!!
WAIT! DON'T GO IN THERE! YOU'LL--
BAAAAAAAAHH!!
CLUUUKKK! CLUCK!
CLUCK! CLUCK!
THEY GET SORT OF TEMPERAMENTAL WHEN THEY'RE LAYING!
NO CHICKENS UP HERE, I HOPE?
NO! BUT BE CAREFUL, OR...
...YOU MIGHT FALL OUT OF THAT LOFT DOOR ONTO THOSE HAY BALES...
GAAAAH!
...AND GET BOUNCED INTO THE PIGS' SLOPS!
AAAAAAAAHH!
SNORT! SNORT!
SQUEEEGH!
OINK! OINK!

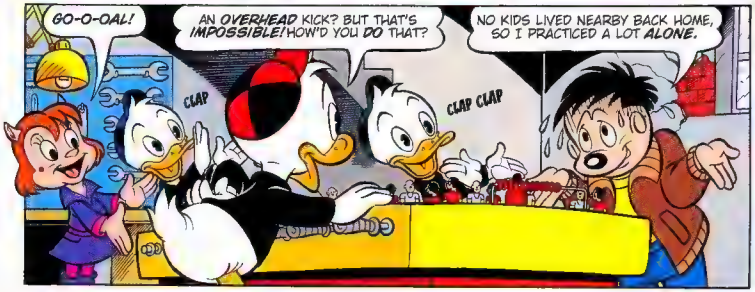
OHHHH! LET ME OUT OF HERE!
NOT IN THERE!
WHOOPS! I DID TRY TO WARN HIM!
YAAAAH!
SNEEEORRT!!
GURF! CAN IT GET ANY WORSE?
WHF?
YAAEEEE!!
GRACIOUS! THAT WAS A WHIRLWIND TOUR!
SPLASH
LATER...
I'VE WASHED AND MENDED YOUR SUIT! ONCE I IRON IT, IT'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW!
THANK YOU! I DOUBT IF MY BACKSIDE WILL EVER BE THE SAME, THOUGH!
HAVE SOME CAKE, FRESH BAKED THIS AFTERNOON!
MMM! IT HAS A HEAVENLY AROMA!
OH MY! AND FLAVOR AND TEXTURE TO MATCH! YUM!
NOW, WHO THE DICKENS CAN THAT BE?
KNOCK KNOCK

I'M MR. GRIMM, RURAL TAX ASSESSMENT SUPERVISOR! I'VE COME TO SEE IF OUR NEW MAN IS PUTTING THE SCREWS...I MEAN, PERFORMING HIS DUTIES PROPERLY!
ER...WILL YOU COME THIS WAY, PLEASE?
IF HE CATCHES ME LIKE THIS, I'LL BE SACKED ON THE SPOT!
WELL, WE CAN'T HAVE THAT, CAN WE?!
I BELIEVE MR. PLUNKETT'S FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS...
...WAS A THOROUGH INSPECTION OF MY FARM AND ITS FACILITIES!
THEN TAKE ME ON HIS ROUTE! AND HOP TO IT, I HAVEN'T GOT ALL DAY!
HEH HEH! FARM TOUR, ROUND TWO!
MOMENTS LATER...
THAT'S WHERE HE STARTED, LIFTING THE LIDS OFF THOSE BOXES!
HE ONLY EXAMINED ONE OF THEM? THAT'S NOT AT ALL UP TO STANDARD!
I'LL CHECK ALL OF THEM!
I'M SURE MR. PLUNKETT MEANT TO DO THAT TOO!
AAAAAAAAHHH!!!
BZZZ!
BZZZ!
BZZZ!
WELL, I DON'T THINK YOU'LL NEED MY HELP TO FOLLOW MR. PLUNKETT'S ROUTE AT THIS POINT!

AAAAAAHHH!
HE'S IN WITH THE HENS NOW!
EEEEEKKK!
THAT'LL BE HIM FALLING OUT OF THE HAYLOFT...
GAHHHHHHH!!
...AND INTO THE PIGSTY!
HELLLPPPP!!
AH, HE'S MET THE BILLY-GOAT, AND IS SHARING AN UPLIFTING MOMENT WITH BEELZEBUB THE BULL!!
SHORTLY...
HAVE YOU SEEN ENOUGH, MR. GRIMM?
MORE THAN ENOUGH! THE SOONER I GET OUT... UH, GET BACK TO FILE MY REPORT, THE BETTER!
HOW'D I DO, SIR?
ER...FINE, JUST FINE! NO NEED TO GO INTO DETAILS ABOUT ANY OF THIS, I THINK!
LATER...
AND HOW ABOUT *YOUR* INSPECTION?
OH, I'VE MADE MY ASSESSMENT, AND I'VE DETERMINED THAT YOUR ORIGINAL PAYMENT MORE THAN COVERS EVERYTHING AFTER ALL!
I *THOUGHT* IT MIGHT!
The End

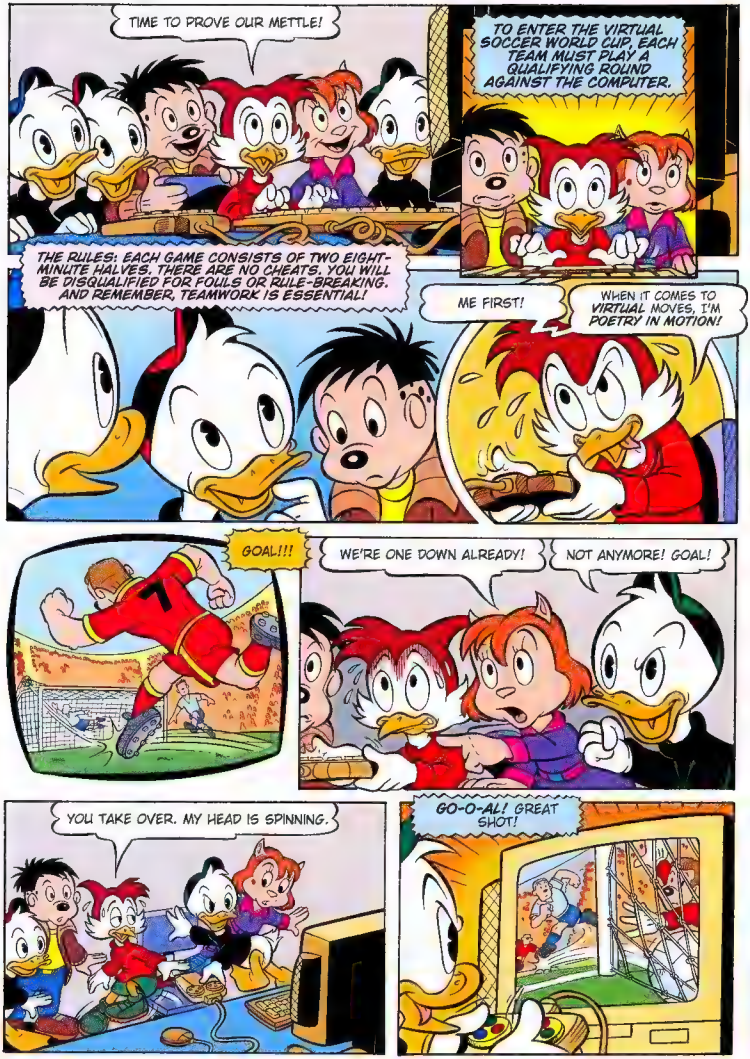
Walt Disney's Huey, Dewey & Louie in CUP FEVER

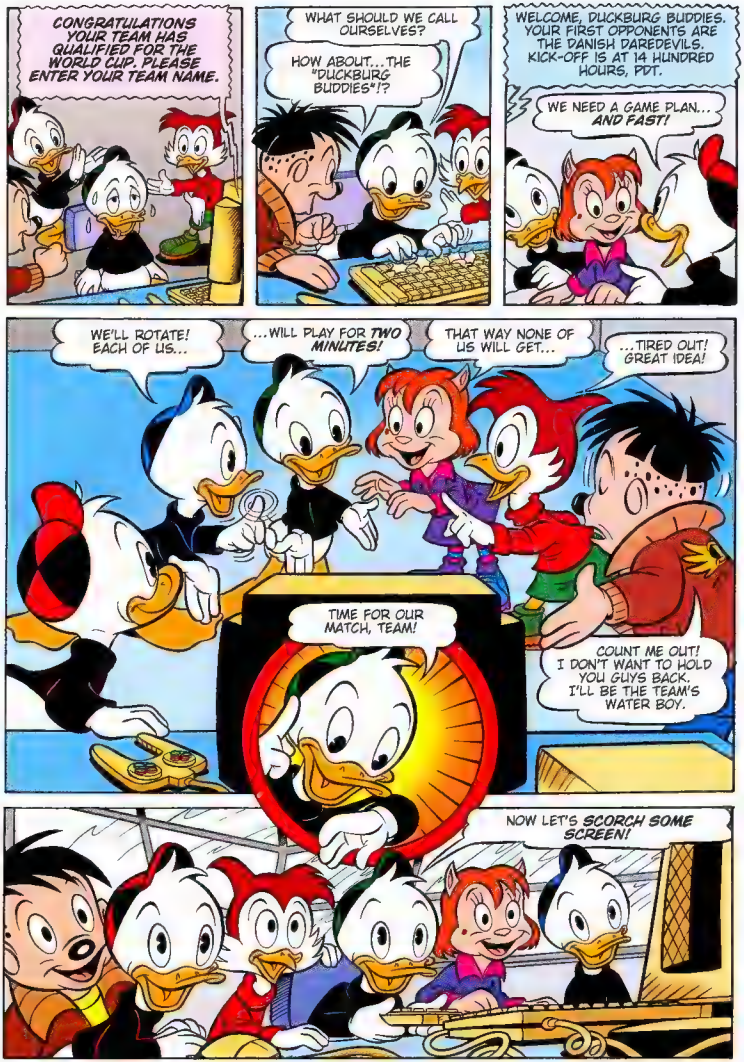


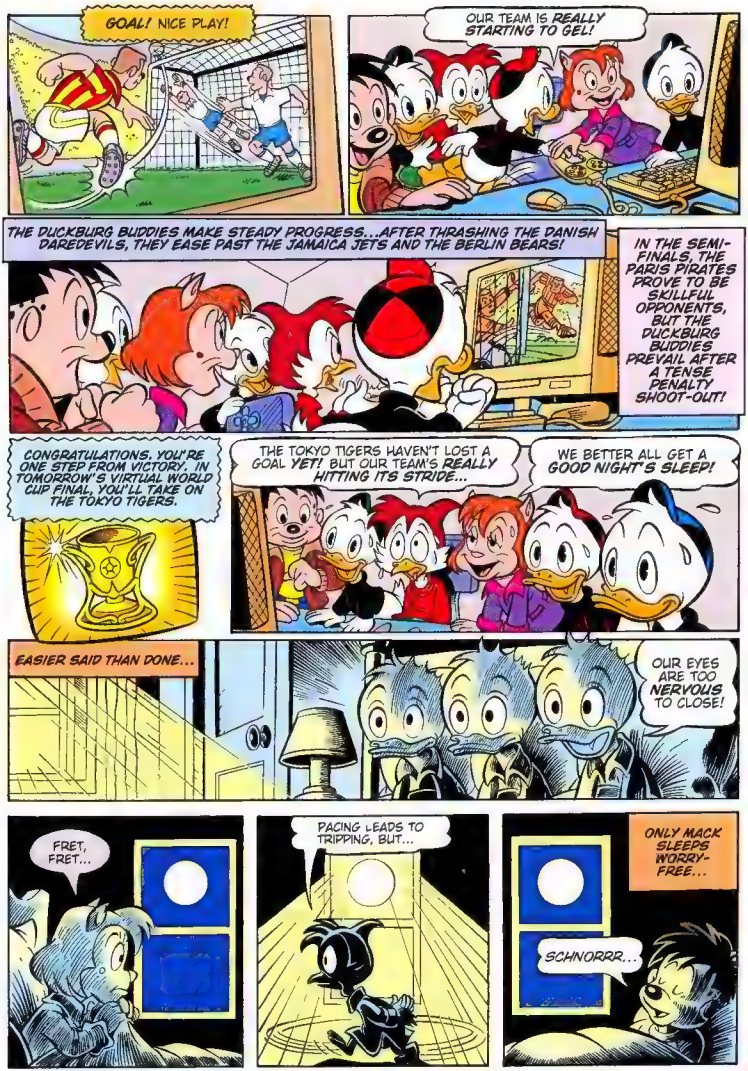

GO-O-OAL!
AN OVERHEAD KICK? BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HOW'D YOU DO THAT?
NO KIDS LIVED NEARBY BACK HOME, SO I PRACTICED A LOT ALONE.
CLAP
CLAP CLAP

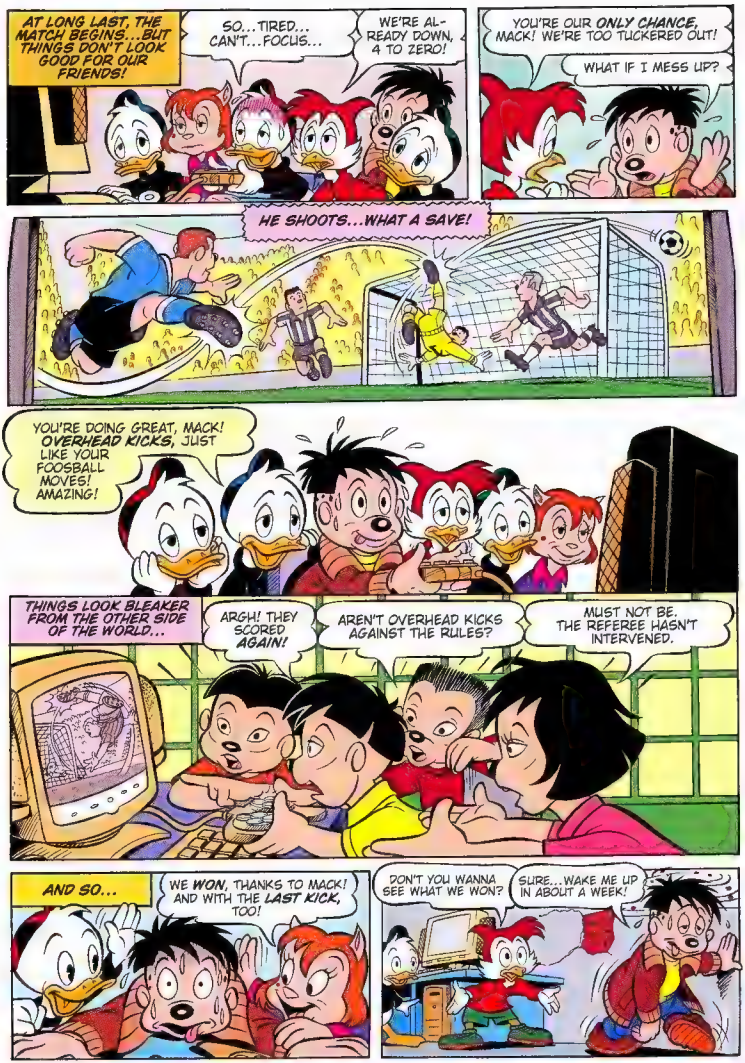
GUESS WHAT, GUYS!? OOPSIE–
SLIP
TWO
ARE YOU OKAY, BEAKY?
OH SURE! I FALL DOWN THE STAIRS ALLA TIME!
ANYWAYS, GUESS WHAT? THERE'S GONNA BE A VIRTUAL SOCCER WORLD CUP ON THE 'NET!
TEAMS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE GONNA COMPETE, AND THE WINNERS GET A TON OF NEW VIDEO GAMES, PLUS A CASH PRIZE!
AND WE FIVE...
...EQUAL ONE DREAM TEAM!
SIX, INCLUDING MACK...ANYWAY, PROBLEM IS, FIRST WE GOTTA BUY A COPY OF VIRTUAL SOCCER...
IF YOU LET ME BE ON THE TEAM, I'LL CHIP IN!
WE'RE GONNA NEED MORE THAN A NICKEL...
SO...
CUT IT LOW ENOUGH TO TICKLE A HEDGEHOG'S BELLY!
CAN YOU SEE YOUR REFLECTION YET, SONYA?

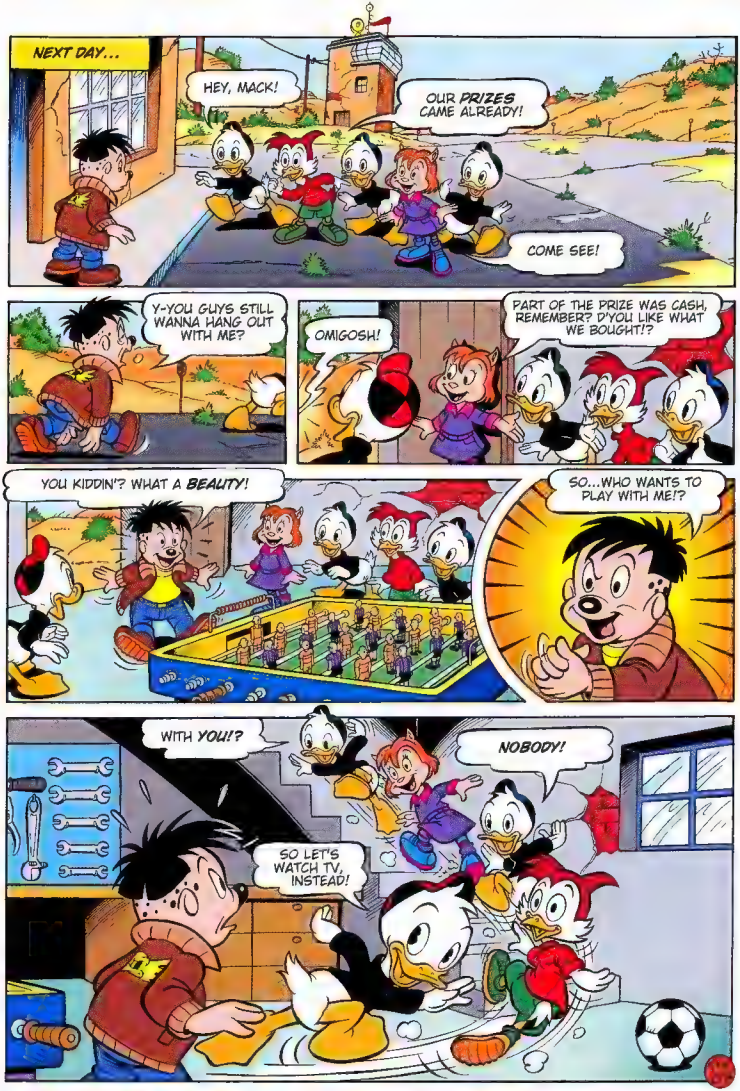
LATER...
I GOT FIVE MEASLY BUCKS! HOW 'BOUT YOU?
ONLY THREE!
WE DID EVEN WORSE! LINCA DONALD TALKED US INTO LENDING HIM THE DREGS FROM OUR PIGGY BANK!
DON'T WORRY, GUYS! I ALREADY BOUGHT THE GAME!
HOW'D YOU DO IT, MACK? SELL THE FAMILY CAR?
HEY! SOMETHING'S MISSING...
YOU SOLD YOUR FOOSBALL TABLE! HOW COME!?
I WANTED YOU GUYS TO LIKE ME...
YOU DON'T NEED TO BUY OUR FRIENDSHIP!
THEN I'VE DONE IT FOR THE GOOD OF THE TEAM! COME ON, LET'S PRACTICE!


TIME TO PROVE OUR METTLE!
TO ENTER THE VIRTUAL SOCCER WORLD CUP, EACH TEAM MUST PLAY A QUALIFYING ROUND AGAINST THE COMPUTER.
THE RULES: EACH GAME CONSISTS OF TWO EIGHT-MINUTE HALVES. THERE ARE NO CHEATS. YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR FOULS OR RULE-BREAKING. AND REMEMBER, TEAMWORK IS ESSENTIAL!
ME FIRST!
WHEN IT COMES TO VIRTUAL MOVES, I'M POETRY IN MOTION!
GOAL!!!
WE'RE ONE DOWN ALREADY!
NOT ANYMORE! GOAL!
YOU TAKE OVER. MY HEAD IS SPINNING.
GO-O-AL! GREAT SHOT!


CONGRATULATIONS YOUR TEAM HAS QUALIFIED FOR THE WORLD CUP. PLEASE ENTER YOUR TEAM NAME.
WHAT SHOULD WE CALL OURSELVES?
HOW ABOUT...THE "DUCKBURG BUDDIES"!?
WELCOME, DUCKBURG BUDDIES. YOUR FIRST OPPONENTS ARE THE DANISH DAREDEVILS. KICK-OFF IS AT 14 HUNDRED HOURS, PDT.
WE NEED A GAME PLAN... AND FAST!
WE'LL ROTATE! EACH OF US...
...WILL PLAY FOR TWO MINUTES!
THAT WAY NONE OF US WILL GET...
...TIRED OUT! GREAT IDEA!
TIME FOR OUR MATCH, TEAM!
COUNT ME OUT! I DON'T WANT TO HOLD YOU GUYS BACK. I'LL BE THE TEAM'S WATER BOY.
NOW LET'S SCORCH SOME SCREEN!


GOAL! NICE PLAY!
OUR TEAM IS REALLY STARTING TO GEL!
THE DUCKBURG BUDDIES MAKE STEADY PROGRESS...AFTER THRASHING THE DANISH DAREDEVILS, THEY EASE PAST THE JAMAICA JETS AND THE BERLIN BEARS!
IN THE SEMI-FINALS, THE PARIS PIRATES PROVE TO BE SKILLFUL OPPONENTS, BUT THE DUCKBURG BUDDIES PREVAIL AFTER A TENSE PENALTY SHOOT-OUT!
CONGRATULATIONS. YOU'RE ONE STEP FROM VICTORY. IN TOMORROW'S VIRTUAL WORLD CUP FINAL, YOU'LL TAKE ON THE TOKYO TIGERS.
THE TOKYO TIGERS HAVEN'T LOST A GOAL YET! BUT OUR TEAM'S REALLY HITTING ITS STRIDE...
WE BETTER ALL GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP!
EASIER SAID THAN DONE...
OUR EYES ARE TOO NERVOUS TO CLOSE!
FRET, FRET...
PACING LEADS TO TRIPPING, BUT...
ONLY MACK SLEEPS WORRY-FREE...
SCHNORRR...

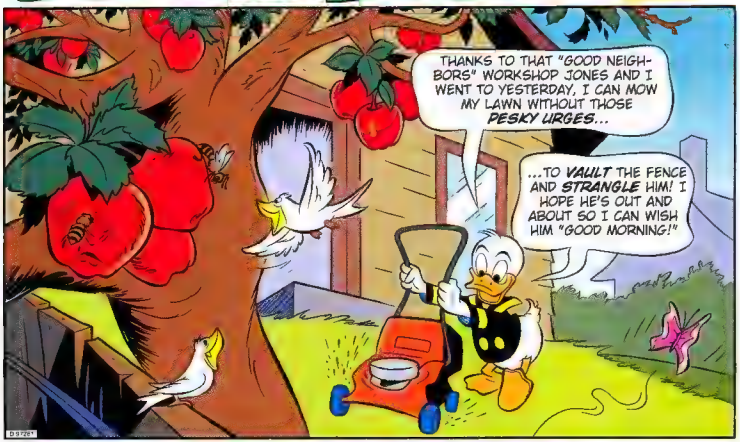

AT LONG LAST, THE MATCH BEGINS...BUT THINGS DON'T LOOK GOOD FOR OUR FRIENDS!
SO...TIRED... CAN'T...FOCUS...
WE'RE ALREADY DOWN, 4 TO ZERO!
YOU'RE OUR ONLY CHANCE, MACK! WE'RE TOO TUCKERED OUT!
WHAT IF I MESS UP?
HE SHOOTS...WHAT A SAVE!
YOU'RE DOING GREAT, MACK! OVERHEAD KICKS, JUST LIKE YOUR FOOSBALL MOVES! AMAZING!
THINGS LOOK BLEAKER FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD...
ARGH! THEY SCORED AGAIN!
AREN'T OVERHEAD KICKS AGAINST THE RULES?
MUST NOT BE. THE REFEREE HASN'T INTERVENED.
AND SO...
WE WON, THANKS TO MACK! AND WITH THE LAST KICK, TOO!
DON'T YOU WANNA SEE WHAT WE WON?
SURE...WAKE ME UP IN ABOUT A WEEK!

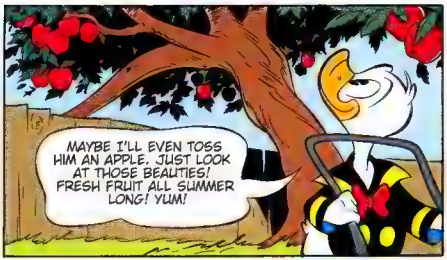

NEXT DAY...
HEY, MACK!
OUR PRIZES CAME ALREADY!
COME SEE!
Y-YOU GUYS STILL WANNA HANG OUT WITH ME?
OMIGOSH!
PART OF THE PRIZE WAS CASH, REMEMBER? D'YOU LIKE WHAT WE BOUGHT!?
YOU KIDDIN'? WHAT A BEAUTY!
SO...WHO WANTS TO PLAY WITH ME!?
WITH YOU!?
NOBODY!
SO LET'S WATCH TV, INSTEAD!

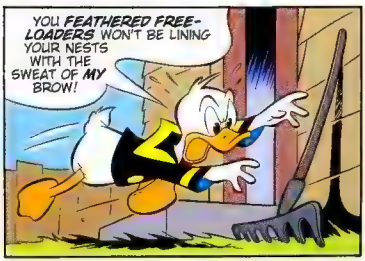
Walt Disney presents

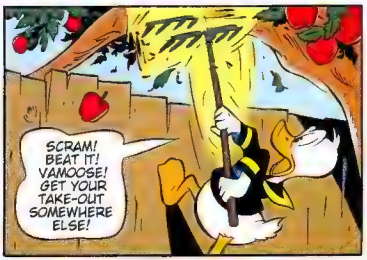
DONALD DUCK

WAR ON WEBFOOT LANE

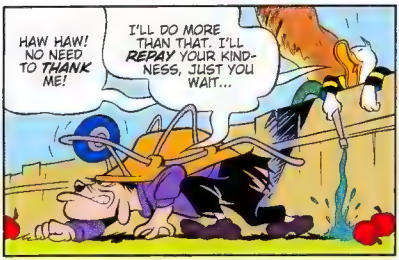

THANKS TO THAT "GOOD NEIGHBORS" WORKSHOP JONES AND I WENT TO YESTERDAY, I CAN MOW MY LAWN WITHOUT THOSE *PESKY URGES*...
...TO *VAULT* THE FENCE AND *STRANGLE* HIM! I HOPE HE'S OUT AND ABOUT SO I CAN WISH HIM "GOOD MORNING!"



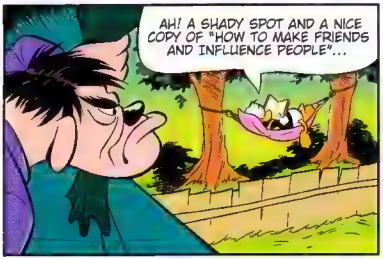




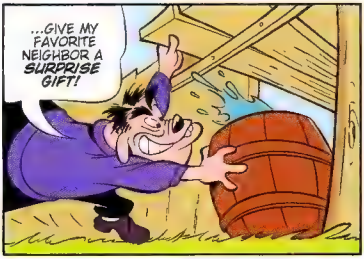
HEY! WATCH WHERE YOU STICK THAT RAKE!
PARROTS? IN DUCKBURG?
WHO YOU CALLIN' A PARROT, DUCK!?
JONES! WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOSHING ON MY SWEET RED BAUBLES!?
REMEMBER OUR AGREEMENT FROM THE WORKSHOP? "SHARE AND SHARE ALIKE?"
G-GULP!
BUT IT'S MY TREE! GIMME BACK MY APPLES, RIGHT NOW!
YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND! THEY'RE FULL OF WORMS, ANYWAY!
HEY!
IN THE WORKSHOP, THEY TAUGHT US TO TAKE A MOMENT TO COOL OFF BEFORE WE LOSE OUR TEMPERS...
SPLOORSH!!
THERE YOU GO, JONES! FEEL CALMER NOW?
YEEAAARGH!

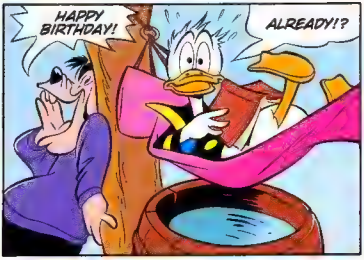

HAW HAW! NO NEED TO THANK ME!
I'LL DO MORE THAN THAT. I'LL REPAY YOUR KINDNESS, JUST YOU WAIT...

LATER...
GUESS ALL THAT OPEN, HONEST COMMUNICATION PAID OFF!


AH! A SHADY SPOT AND A NICE COPY OF "HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE"...

A WORTHY BOOK, BUT...
SCHNORRR
SETTLING DOWN FOR A NAP, IS HE? WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO...


...GIVE MY FAVORITE NEIGHBOR A SURPRISE GIFT!

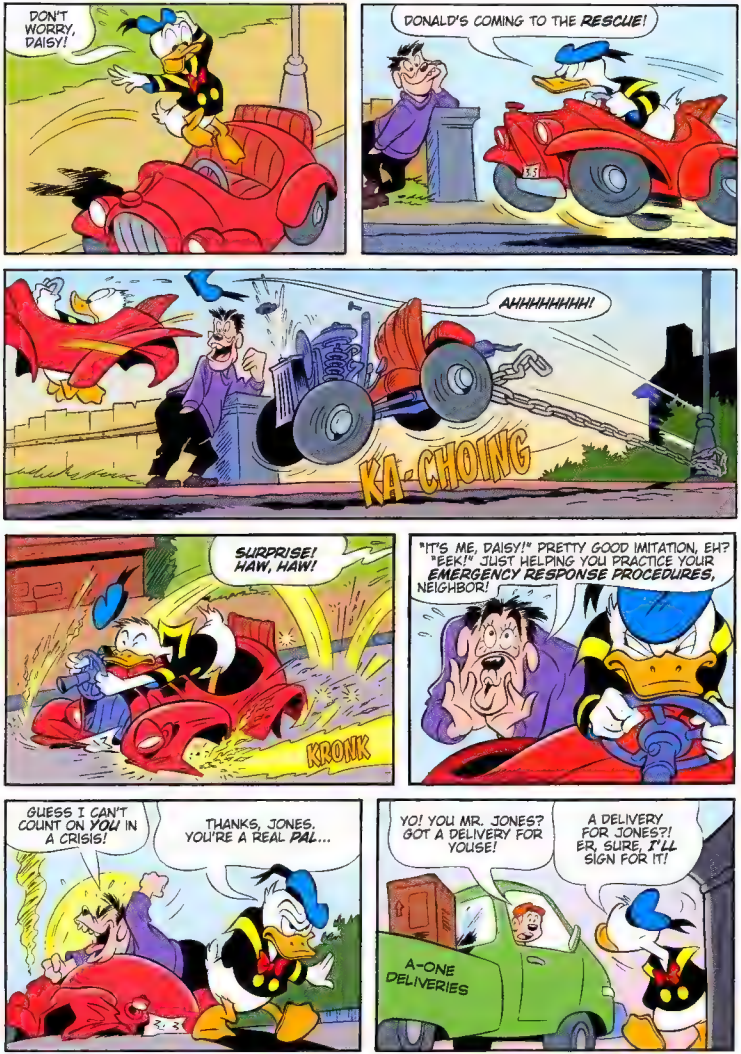

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
ALREADY!?

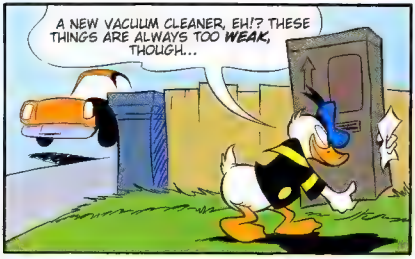
WAK!
SPLOORSH!
MAKE A WISH!

HOW D'YOU LIKE YOUR NEW BIRDBATH!? HAR, HAR!
HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU...
CEASE AND DESIST, YOU HOOLIGANS!
HEY, IT'S OUR NEW NEIGHBOR FROM ACROSS THE STREET.
I MOVED TO WEBFOOT LANE BECAUSE IT'S REPUTED TO BE A QUIET, PEACEFUL NEIGHBORHOOD! WHICH IT WAS, UNTIL YOU TWO STARTED SCRAPPING!
KEEP IT UP AND I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU CONTINUE YOUR DISPUTE BEHIND BARS!
SORRY TO DISTURB YOU, SIR! ACTUALLY, JONES AND I ARE THE BEST OF FRIENDS...
GLAD TO HEAR IT! MY JOB IS QUITE STRESSFUL, AND I EXPECT PEACE AND QUIET WHEN I'M AT HOME! NOW MAKE UP AND SHUT UP!
WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO!
THAT'S RIGHT!
MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES, DUCK!
ALL IS FORGIVEN!
MINUTES LATER...
WELL, THEY TOLD US TO GIVE EACH OTHER THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT...

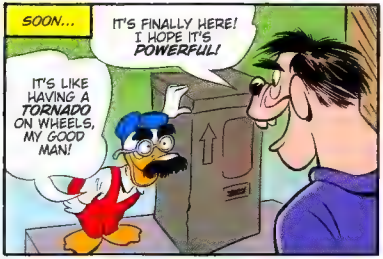
FOUND IT! THE KIDS HAVEN'T USED THIS SINCE THEY WON THEIR JUNIOR WOODCHUCK DIVING MEDALS...
NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO FULLY APPRECIATE JONES'S THOUGHTFUL PRESENT!
MUST BE HIM CALLING TO APOLOGIZE AGAIN...
BRINGGGG!
BRINGGGG!
PRACTICE YOUR PATIENCE, JONES!
OOOOOOOPS!
AAAAAAAGH!
HALP! I'M GOING ROUND THE BEND!
PHEW! FOR A SECOND THERE, I THOUGHT I WAS IN TROUBLE!

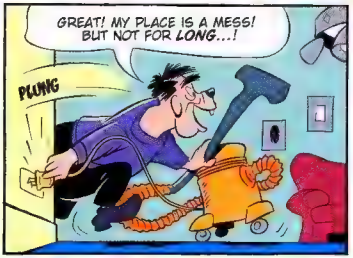
CRASH!
JUST ONE PROBLEM...HOW DO I ...GULP... STOP!?
RINGGGG!
AAAGH!
OOF!
RINGGGG!
LELLO?
DONALD? IT'S ME, DAISY! EEK! THERE'S A PROWLER IN MY HOUSE!
I'LL LEE LIGHT LERE!
THAT'S ODD...DAISY'S VOICE SOUNDED AWFULLY DEEP. SHE MUST HAVE A BAD COLD.

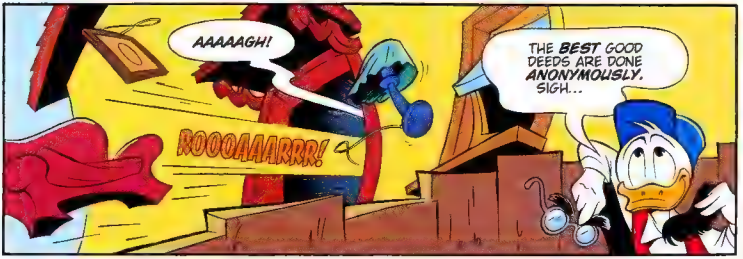

DON'T WORRY, DAISY!
DONALD'S COMING TO THE RESCUE!
AHHHHHHHH!
KA-CHOING
SURPRISE! HAW, HAW!
KRONK
"IT'S ME, DAISY!" PRETTY GOOD IMITATION, EH? "EEK!" JUST HELPING YOU PRACTICE YOUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES, NEIGHBOR!
GUESS I CAN'T COUNT ON YOU IN A CRISIS!
THANKS, JONES. YOU'RE A REAL PAL...
YO! YOU MR. JONES? GOT A DELIVERY FOR YOUSE!
A DELIVERY FOR JONES?! ER, SURE, I'LL SIGN FOR IT!
A-ONE DELIVERIES

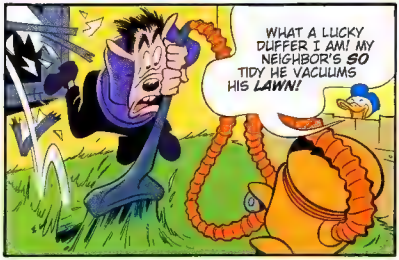

A NEW VACUUM CLEANER, EH!? THESE THINGS ARE ALWAYS TOO **WEAK**, THOUGH...

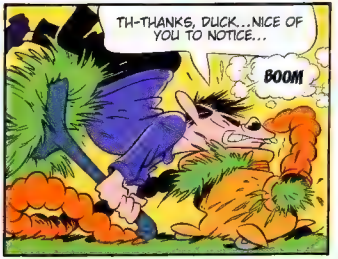
I'LL MAKE A FEW **ADJUSTMENTS** SO IT'LL **REALLY** SUCK!

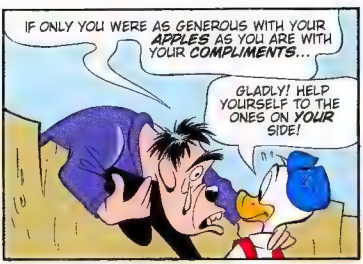

SOON...
IT'S FINALLY HERE! I HOPE IT'S **POWERFUL!**
IT'S LIKE HAVING A **TORNADO** ON WHEELS, MY GOOD MAN!

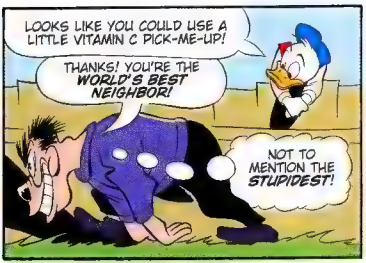

GREAT! MY PLACE IS A MESS! BUT NOT FOR **LONG**...!
PLUNG

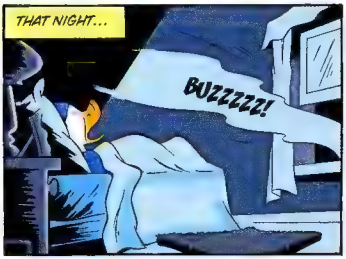

AAAAAGH!
THE **BEST** GOOD DEEDS ARE DONE **ANONYMOUSLY**. SIGH...
WOOOAAARRR!

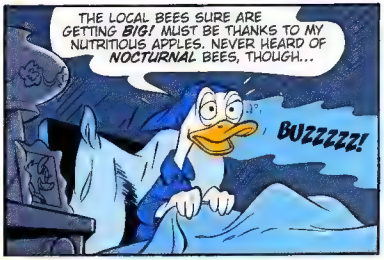

WHAT A LUCKY DUFFER I AM! MY NEIGHBOR'S **SO** TIDY HE VACUUMS HIS **LAWN!**

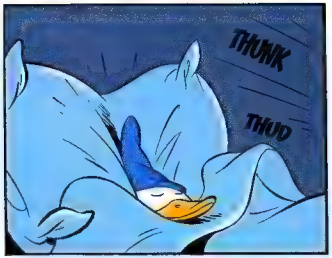

TH-THANKS, DUCK...NICE OF YOU TO NOTICE...
BOOM

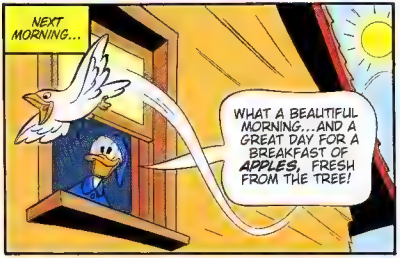

IF ONLY YOU WERE AS GENEROUS WITH YOUR APPLES AS YOU ARE WITH YOUR COMPLIMENTS...
GLADLY! HELP YOURSELF TO THE ONES ON YOUR SIDE!


LOOKS LIKE YOU COULD USE A LITTLE VITAMIN C PICK-ME-UP!
THANKS! YOU'RE THE WORLD'S BEST NEIGHBOR!
NOT TO MENTION THE STUPIDEST!


THAT NIGHT...
BUZZZZZ!

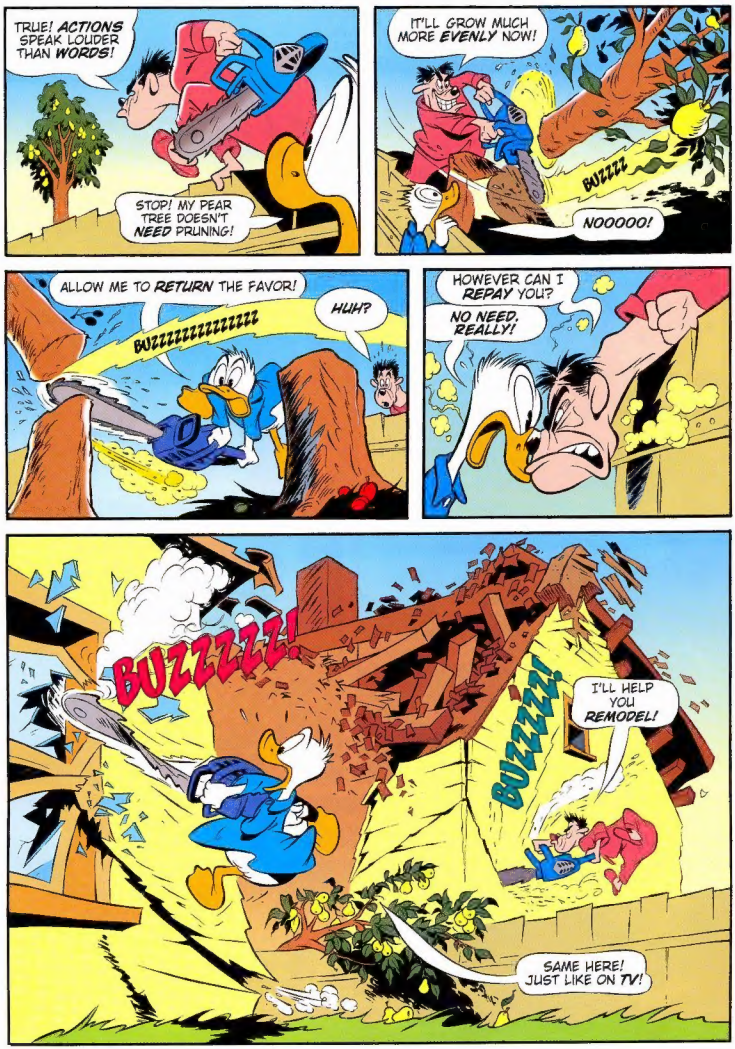

THE LOCAL BEES SURE ARE GETTING BIG! MUST BE THANKS TO MY NUTRITIOUS APPLES. NEVER HEARD OF NOCTURNAL BEES, THOUGH...
BUZZZZZ!


THUNK
THUD


NEXT MORNING...
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MORNING...AND A GREAT DAY FOR A BREAKFAST OF APPLES, FRESH FROM THE TREE!

MY TREE—MY BEAUTIFUL TREE!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, YOU NO-GOOD, STINKING—
NOW, NOW! REMEMBER WHAT WE LEARNED ABOUT CALLING NAMES! I WAS JUST HELPING YOU PRUNE YOUR TREE...
IS IT MY FAULT ALL THE PRUNED LIMBS LANDED IN MY YARD?
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW TO PRUNE TREES, JONESIE!
I'LL LEND YOU MORE THAN A HELPING HAND...
HOW ABOUT A HELPING CHAINSAW, FOR STARTERS!?
HEY! RESPECT THE FENCE, NEIGHBOR!
NO TIME! YOUR TREES NEED EMERGENCY PRUNING! THIS ONE SOUNDS HOLLOW AND ROTTEN TO THE CORE...
HUH? I DON'T HEAR NOTHIN'!
IT COULD FALL ON YOUR HOUSE... OR WORSE, ON YOU!
WHAT!?
BUZZZZZ!
NO NEED TO THANK ME!


TRUE! ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS!
STOP! MY PEAR TREE DOESN'T NEED PRUNING!
IT'LL GROW MUCH MORE EVENLY NOW!
BUZZZZ
NOOOOO!
ALLOW ME TO RETURN THE FAVOR!
BUZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
HUH?
HOWEVER CAN I REPAY YOU?
NO NEED. REALLY!
BUZZZZZZ!
BUZZZZZZ!
I'LL HELP YOU REMODEL!
SAME HERE! JUST LIKE ON TV!

ONE HOUR AND TWO HOUSES LATER...
ARE YOU QUITE FINISHED, GENTLEMEN? DIDN'T I WARN YOU ABOUT NOISE POLLUTION!?
NEARLY DONE, PAL!
WON'T DISTURB YOU MUCH LONGER!
I'M SURE YOU WON'T... WHILE YOU WAIT IN JAIL FOR YOUR TRIAL!
GREAT! I COULD USE A REST!
ME TOO! I'M BUSHED!
NEXT DAY...
UH-OH! HE'S THE...GULP.. JUDGE!
WAIT...HE CAN'T BE BOTH PLAINTIFF AND JUDGE, RIGHT?
SADLY TRUE! BUT BEFORE THIS CASE WINDS UP IN FRONT OF ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES...
...LET ME PERSONALLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU TWO AGREE TO ATTEND A "GOOD NEIGHBORS" RETREAT!
CERTAINLY, YOUR HONOR!
THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR!
HMPH! I GOT AN "A" THE FIRST TIME!
TOO BAD YOU COULDN'T PUT THEORY INTO PRACTICE.
MAYBE THIS WILL REFRESH YOUR MEMORY!
ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER!
SIGH...MIGHT AS WELL SEND THEM HOME AND MYSELF ON A "GOOD NEIGHBORS" RETREAT... IN TIMBUKTU!
The End

Our first few letters pages concentrated on comments received via email, with the reason for this being two-fold. One, it's easier to just cut and paste type than to manually input it in this age of electronic publishing. And two, because of the widespread use of the internet and the ease of sending letters by email, that's the format in which we receive most correspondence, these days. But we don't want to disenfranchise our "snail-mail" friends, so here's a selection of letters we received the old-fashioned way:

Gladness came upon me when I discovered American editions of *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories* and *Uncle Scrooge* are once again being published and that two more titles will soon arrive. *Yippee!*

So now I can enjoy great comics and a soft drink on my balcony. Nothing beats that! Ducks rule! Thanks to you all and keep up the good work.

It would be fun to have a penpal from America that also reads comics, so if there's a friendly man or woman in that great country of yours, they are welcome to write (if you'll print my address in your magazine, that is).

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After finishing up the three-part "Three Caballeros" reunion story [*WDC&S* 635-637], I'd like to say that even though I've never seen the original movie, I thought Rosa's story was an absolute gem. And oddly, it broke the "fourth wall" with me. It wasn't just a way to "make money in a hurry" by bringing back these three after 58 long years. It just seemed like a fan's (Rosa's) great idea, and he didn't care if he had to pay *somebody else* for the privelege of doing the story, he was going to do it anyway.

Hopefully, Hollywood will pay attention to this story. *No* arguments between three pals who haven't seen each other in a long time — maybe that happens only in comic books. It was an adventure story that put the pace in super hero stories to shame.

And I was delighted to see the lyrics of the title song given *two* full-fledged performances. Whenever musicals are comic book-ized, the song lyrics are almost never included.

And on page seven, the three-panel subtle-expression change on the trio when they realize their haul is "fool's gold" — that is *gorgeous* understatement!

Viva la Caballeros! Trouble is, Panchito and José Carioca are "the wandering kind" and the idea of them settling in Duckburg for further adventures wouldn't be in their character.

Charles D. Brown
Brentwood, NY

Three cheers and a loud *huzzah!* Thank you Don Rosa for an action-packed, rollicking good yarn with Donaldo, José, and Panchito.

I also fell in love with "Sons of the Moon." Dream or no dream, it was a treat to see the ducklings do their thing without the help of any so-called adult. Great job, Kori Korhonen!

Is there any chance that Gemstone will reprint "Sleeping Beauty"? Also, some of your readers might enjoy seeing the original "Three Caballeros" adaptation. I have it, but only in digest form.

C.J. Hunt
Charlottesville, VA

Okay, here's one we received by email. (We can't leave Joe out!):

Every now and then, I wish comic books came with the added dimension of sound. I would have gladly paid extra for such an enhanced version of *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories* 637, just to hear Donald, José, and Panchito perform their rendition of "The Three Caballeros"! Kudos to Don Rosa for exhibiting both the talent and confidence to pull off such a scene in the silent medium of the comic magazine.

I was expecting Mickey Mouse's most classic nemesis, Pete, to turn up in these pages soon. I was not expecting him to exhibit such a Floyd Gottfredson-inspired "retro look"! Great job by Cesar Ferioli!

At first glance, Kori Korhonen's "*sans*-uncles" adventure for Huey, Dewey, and Louie, "Sons of the Moon," seemed to be inspired by Carl Barks' "Secret of Hondorica." Imagine my delight to find, contained in the dialogue, the Barks phrase "Chu sklom stu!" from that very same story! How many readers caught that, I wonder!

Finally, William Van Horn's entry teaches us the folly of too much collecting. With my lesson learned, I intend to buy only *eight* copies each of this magazine — cutting down from my usual *twelve*. I hope you don't mind...

Joe Torciwia
via email

Great, Joe! There goes our profit!

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